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# EXTRACTS

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# EARLIEST BOOK OF ACCOUNTS

BELONGING TO THE

# TOWN TRUSTEES OF SHEFFIELD,

DATING FROM 1566 TO 1707,

WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES,

BY

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# PREFACE.

THE following pages have appeared from week to week during the past twelve months in the Local Notes and Queries column of the *Sheffield & Rotherham Independent*. The earlier years are copied in full, as well as the memoranda of general interest, but there was so much sameness about many of the entries, occurring year after year, that I contented myself with extracting only what seemed the more instructive or the more curious items. The notes illustrative of the entries might with advantage have been largely extended, but I had to deny myself the pleasure of the research that would have been involved. I am under great obligations to the Town Trustees, and to Messrs. Vickers & Son, their clerks, for granting me the use of this most interesting volume; to Mr. B. Bagshawe, for assistance in decyphering some of the old writing, and to Mr. Alfred Scott Gatty, for notes from the Sheffield Court Rolls.

J. D. LEADER.

*Sheffield, August 1st*, 1879.

# THE ACCOUNTS OF THE BURGERY OF SHEFFIELD.

By the courtesy of the Town Trustees, I was permitted several years ago to make copious extracts from the oldest account book in possession of the Trust, a volume of great interest, and covering a period from 1566 to 1707. The result of the investigations into this volume will appear in the following pages, together with notes explanatory of the text. The accounts of the Town Trustees or Town's Burgesses of Sheffield date from the year 1566; but there can be little doubt that the body had its origin in 1297, when Thomas de Furnival granted a charter to his free tenants of the town of Sheffield, giving them all the tofts, lands, and tenements they then held of him in fee, reserving to himself a chief rent of £3. 6s. 8½d. In obtaining this grant the Sheffield men, perhaps a little late, but better late than never, were acting as their fellow countrymen in other towns such as Leicester, Preston, York, and Beverley had done. They were buying or begging themselves out of the arbitrary taxes, imposed by feudal lords; they were becoming owners in fee of the land on which their houses were built, and uniting themselves as a chartered community, to withstand injustice and oppression. They were better pleased to do for themselves what they could, in their own way, than to have it done for them in other people's ways.

Englishmen of those days were notable archers. They practised with the bow every Sunday, and were accounted the best marksmen in the world. Under the care of the Sheffield free tenants were placed two butts in the Wicker, the near butt and the far butt. They kept the township bow, and we shall find in the accounts several payments for new bow strings, which cost a penny each. Bishop Latimer, in his sixth sermon before King Edward VI.,

says: "The art of shooting hath been in times past much esteemed in this realm, it is a gift of God that he has given us to excel all other nations withal. It hath been God's instrument, whereby He hath given us many victories against our enemies. * * * In my time my poor father was as diligent to teach me to shoot as to learn any other thing; and so, I think, other men did their children. He taught me how to draw, how to lay my body in my bow, and not to draw with strength of arms, as other nations do, but with strength of body. I had my bows bought me according to my age and strength; as I increased in them, so my bows were made bigger and bigger; for men shall never shoot well except they be brought up to it. It is a goodly art, a wholesome kind of exercise, and much commended in physic."

The Sheffield free tenants represented in the town the civil authority, while the Church Burgesses were entrusted with the management of part of the temporalities of the Church. At first the free tenants embraced both functions — civil and ecclesiastical — but when the Reformation brought a general disturbance of property devoted to "superstitious uses," the continuity was broken, and out of the turmoil two separate bodies emerged, one still called the Town's Burgesses, or free tenants, and attending to secular affairs; the other called the Church Burgesses, attending to the payment of assistant ministers, the repair of the church fabric and the relief of the poor. The Town's Burgesses remained satisfied with the old charter of Lord Furnival, the Church Burgesses were incorporated under Royal Charter in the first year of Queen Mary. These free tenants became the local governing body, acting together as a kind of merchant guild, the mediæval germ out of which our municipal institutions have grown. They repaired bridges and roads, paid the bellman and waites, collected the taxes, equipped soldiers, set up the archery

butts, provided arms and armour for the defence of the town, and generally acted as the local authority. In the following accounts we shall see the Town's Burgesses performing year by year unobtrusive but important duties. The names mentioned are those of the principal inhabitants, and it is curious to note how many of them have come down to us, either in the names of places or of still living persons. In Scargill croft, Coulston croft, Hawley croft, Sands paviours, and others, we have personal names surviving in localities. In the names of Creswick, Staniforth, Greaves, Holdsworth, Bower, Dickenson, Elliott, Ellis, Stacey, Spooner, Young, Bright, Webster, Barlow, Sorby, Lockwood, Newton, Broomhead, Nodder, Watson, Roberts, and many others, we have the names of families still flourishing among us.

The earlier years of the accounts have been copied entire, but it was not needful to continue this complete transcript throughout, for many of the entries are but repetitions of regularly recurring payments. I, therefore, only extracted such as seemed to possess features of originality or other interest. In the notes appended to the accounts I have endeavoured to explain historical allusions, obsolete or provincial words, and personal or local references, and trust the result will be to give some idea of the manner of men who dwelt in Sheffield during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. M. Taine has well remarked in the introduction to his "History of English Literature," "It is a mistake to study the documents as if they were isolated. This were to treat things like a simple pedant, to fall into the error of the bibliomaniac. Behind all, we have neither mythology, nor languages, but only men, who arrange words and imagery according to the necessities of their organs, and the original bent of their intellects. * * * Nothing exists except through some individual man; it is this individual with whom we must become acquainted. When we have established the parentage of

dogmas, or the classifications of poems, or the progress of constitutions, or the modification of idioms, we have only cleared the soil; genuine history is brought into existence only when the historian begins to unravel, across the lapse of time, the living man, toiling, impassioned, entrenched in his customs, with his voice and features, his gestures and his dress, distinct and complete as he from whom we have just parted in the street."

If we can in any small degree enable our readers to realise this picture as regards Sheffield, the dry work of copying an old account book will not have been wholly thrown away.

J. D. LEADER.

The following appears on the title page of the book:—

Sheffield, anno dmi., 1566.—The Boke, as well of the Burgesses Rents there as also of the reconynges of the same howe and after what mann'r the sayde rents are ymployed as by God's grace within shall appeare. Made and begoyne in the yere of our Lorde God A MVcLXVI., which Boke was begon and w'ten by thands of me Thomas Braye (1) and maye appere within by the p'celle.

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(1) Thomas Braye also gave a book in which to keep the accounts of the Church Burgesses in 1557. His will is dated 11th Nov., 1569, in which he mentions "all my books" and "my poor kinsfolks." Wife Ann to have all testator's lands if she marry not till his son Francis is of age. He was buried at Sheffield 11th Sept., 1570. His eldest son, Francis Bray, married Joan, dau. of Thos. Mosley, of Eyam, yeoman, and by her had issue Thos. Bray, of Eyam, and Francis Bray. Thomas, m. Eleanor, d. of John Alton, M.A., and had issue Elizabeth, who mar. Francis Pierrepoint, third son of Thos. Earl of Kingston.

[A later memorandum written on this page.]

Md. that these men whose names are hereunder subscribed are chosen to be cessers for one whole Tax for the Towne of Sheffild the vj*th* daie of Aprill, 1593: the some of xlv*s*. iiij*d*., that is to saye Willm Selvester, Robt. Spowner, Wm. Creswick, Wm. Elliott, Wm. Newbolte, and Rauphe Craven.

1566 to 1707 [in red ink, modern.]

[The following list shows a rental of the town property with the names of the tenants in 1566. The total income of the burgesses was then £7. 7*s*.]

SHEFFIELDE BURGERY, ANO., 1566: — The p'fytte rentall made the xx daye of October, anno. dmi, 1565, appter. .. to the burgery of Sheffelde, due the feast of the natyvyte of our Lord, and mydsomr by evon porcyons unto the sayde Burgasses, and to the use of all the sayde towne, to be ymployed at the dyscreacyon of the sayde Burgesses, as hereafter shall ensu:—

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| Thomas Scargell (2), for his shoppe | ij s. viij d. |
| Thomas Hornor, for the lyke | ij s. |
| Wm. Hornor ,, | ij s. |
| Thomas Hollande, for the lyke | iij s. |
| John Shemelde ,, | iij s. |
| John Collen ,, | iij s. iiij d. |
| Ryc Hornor ,, | iiij s. |
| Robte. Hyppenstall ,, | xviij d. |
| William Elles, for his house he dwellythe in | viij d. |
| Thomas Phyllyppe, for his Tarne [Tavern] stayre per ann. | iiij d. |
| Wm. Hale, for his house in the southe ende of the Towne, upon his lease | xx d. |

(2) Thos. Scargell, buried 15 Aug., 1568.

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| Raphe Hollenheade (3), for Ryles lease | | xij d. |
| Thomas Bellfelde and John Fenton daughter, for Ryles lease in likewise | | xvj d. |
| Ryc Wilkynson for a lathe (4) of Swifte | ij s. | |
| Robte. Greene and Thomas Alen for theyre houses | | xx d. |
| Wm. Sklatter for dunghyll stede (5) | | iiij d. |
| Thomas Bryght for the lyke | | iiij d. |
| R'bte. Hancocke for his house and yarde | ij s. | |
| Hughe Sponer for his house at the town end and his lease | vj s. | viij d. |
| Uxor Mettam, iij s. iiij *d.*; Roger Buttroods, iij *s.* iiij *d.*; George Kendall and Margery Ule, v *s.* | xi s. | viij d. |
| Uxr. Selvest'r for her house | ij s. | |
| John Maggeson for bolmr lease | ij s. | |
| Ryc Byrley for his penty [ard] | | viij d. |

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(3) As Ralph Hollynshead, this person figures in the accounts of the Church Burgesses in 1559, thus:—

"Itm., pd to Ralph Hollynshead for woode for the communyon table.....vid."

This occurs at a time when stone altars were being replaced with moveable tables of wood. Mr. Hunter remarks (p. 247, Gatty's edition):—

"At the name of Ralph Hollynshead the spirit of every true antiquary is stirred within him. Who was he?—I fear no more than an humble carpenter. . . His will . . throws no light on his extraction or alliances. It was made at Sheffield on the 25th June, 1581, when he was 'sick in body.' He desires to be buried in the churchyard of Sheffield; mentions his wife, Elizabeth, to whom he leaves a lease of certain lands, and a son, Lawrence Hollynshead, *alias* Mellor, who is made joint executor with his widow."

(4) Lathe; a barn.

(5) Manure place.

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| Wm. Tomson for his taverne stare (6) | | iiij d. |
| Thomas Spencer for his out shote (7) of his smythe adjoynge to my l. [my Lord's.] | | vj d. |
| John Sheldon, out shutte of his house or shoppe | | iiij d. |
| Item, the same for the new house and shoppe | ij s. | |
| John . . . wode, for the out shotte of his house | | xij d. |
| Edwarde Shewall, for a garden, a stede (8) adcoynynge to the backsyde of the backhouse | | viij d. |
| Thomas Cleyton, for his newhouse | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Willm. Teyler, for the houses betweene the sayde Clayton's and Hyn Hurst, viz., a kylne house, (9) a kychen, a stable, and certon shoppes | | xij d. |
| Item, the same Wm. Taylyer, for certon houses in the over ende of the Castell Grene (10) | ij s. | |
| Lawrence Shemelde for his dunghill | | vj d. |
| Willm Scargell for his houses | xv s. | |
| Uxor Langley for the lyke | xiij s. | |

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(6) Taverne stare seems equivalent to Tavern stair; but what does it mean?

(7) Out shote, or out shutte, is commonly applied to a part of a building projecting beyond the main walls—*e.g.*, out shot kitchen.

(8) Stede or stead; a place—*e.g.*, Newstead new place.

(9) Kylne house, perhaps a malt-kiln.

(10) Castle green lay to the west of the Castle, and probably also to the south. The name survives in the street now called Castle green. The Castle stood in the angle at the confluence of the Sheaf and Don. Its outward gate was towards the south, and a ditch surrounded the sides not protected by the rivers. On the other side of the rivers were the Castle orchards and nursery grounds.

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| Uxor Grenewodde for the lyke | viij s. | |
| George Morton for the lyke | vj s. | |
| Thomas Oots for the lyke | iiij s. | iiij d. |
| Rbte. Walton for the lyke | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Hughe Storey for a smythye and a swyne hoowle (11) | iij s. | |
| Uxor Strangwyche for a swyne howle and a garden stede | | vj d. |
| Robte. Rogher for his house betwen the waters (12) | vj s. | viij d. |
| Itm. the same Roger for a garde' stede in the Mylne sannds (13) | | xvj d. |
| Humffrey Bayte for his pytts in the Mylne sannds also | ij s. | |
| Thomas Byrley for the lyke | | viij d. |
| John Hill for the lyke | | iiij d. |
| Robte. Spooner for the lyke | ij s. | |
| Itm. John Dey, there a garden stede | | iiij d. |
| Lancelott Davye for his house | ij s. | |
| Thomas Swallowe for the lyke | | viij d. |
| Robte. Tayelear for his house | ij s. | |
| The Shamelde house (14) buyldyd by the burgeses and let yerly for the rent of | v s. | |
| Thomas Robinson for a myden stede | | ij d. |
| The total some of all the rents afforsayd as apperyth | vij li. | vij s.(15) |

Exd. p'r me Thoma' Braye.

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(11) Swyne hoowle; pigstye.

(12) Probably a place afterwards called the Isle. The ground is now more than covered by the Exchange Brewery.

(13) Millsands is still the name for the ground between the goit and the river. The mill is there as it has been since the days of the Lovetots, but there are no traces of gardens. Houses and works cover the whole area.

(14) Can this mean the public slaughter house or shambles.

(15) The totals as cast at the foot of the two pages give a rental of £7. 11s. 4d.; not £7. 7s., as here stated.

Apud, Sheffield, anno 1566.—A Recoynynge taken there by the burg.. the iiijth daye of Julye of Thomas Scargell, gather'r of the Rents for the yere of our Lorde A MVcLXV, endyd at Chrystynmas the last past as ff.

Ffurst the sayde Thomas Scargell is charged with one holle yeres Rent, endyd at Chrystynmas last past, as apperyth by the Rentall, vij li. vii s.

Whereof

The sayde Thomas asketh allowance for certen money by hym payd within the sayde yere, as herew'th shall appere:—

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| Ffryst payde to John Osboston (16), mason, in full payment of hys for poyntynge of the Brygdge called o'r Lady Brydge (17) | xxvj s. viij d. |
| Itm payde to iiij labrs for workinge iiijre dayes at the brydge, at vij d. the daye | ix s. iiij d. |
| Itm pd. for leadyng of xx lods of clotts by the said Tho. Scargell for turnynge the water | vj s. viij d. |
| Itm pd. for breade and ale for labors | viij d. |
| Itm pd to thre labors for one day at the sayd brydge at the like | xxj d. |
| Item pd. the xxxjst daye of August for iiijre labors that worked v dayes at vijd. the daye | xj s. viij d. |

(16) Nichosas Osbonston was buried at Ecclesfield, 25th March, 1562. The name Osboston is a local contraction for Osbaldeston.

(17) There was a bridge over the Don in the 12th century, as is shown by one of the Lovetot charters. All through these accounts occur payments for the repair of the bridge. The present Lady's Bridge, in parts usually out of sight, retains some very old work, probably as old as the date of its rebuilding in the time of Vicar Pleasaunce, at the latter end of the 15th century.

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| Itm breade and ale amongst the sayde labors at sundry tymes | | viij d. |
| Item pd. for pyles to sett the wat'r by | | xij d. |
| Itm pd to agnes pynd'r for caryeynge wat'r | | viij d. |
| Itm geven in ale to the mason | | iij d. |
| Itm pd to Robte Bowre for this Boke of paper | | xx d. |
| Itm pd to Wm. Dycker for storinge at the newe halle (18) | | viij d. |
| Itm pd in february to Wm. Atkynson for wallynge a pece at the farther ende of the Sheate brydge (19) | v s. | |
| Itm pd to Thomas Scargell for leadynge of xx. lods of stone from the quarrell (20), to the brydge | vij s. | |
| Itm pd to Nyc. Pyper and Thomas M'rshall for fyllyng the stone | | xij d. |
| Itm pd. to Thomas Wille and George Morton for one daye leyinge stone at the church yarde, nocke (21), in the hyghe waye | | viij d. |

(18) Storinge at the Newe Halle. A building called the New Hall stood in later years in what is now Newhall street. It became, in the early days of religious toleration, a Nonconformist meeting-house, and afterwards passed into the hands of Hollis's trustees, and was used as a hospital for aged persons. It has since been rebuilt.

(19) Sheate Bridge, otherwise called in these accounts the Shere Bridge, was a bridge over the Sheaf, near what is now the bottom of Dixon lane.

(20) Quarrell, *i.e.*, stone quarry; a good old Yorkshire word.

(21) Nocke, *i.e*, nook or corner. A story is told of a Derbyshire man in London who was seeking Amen corner. He inquired for Amen neukin, and

Itm payde for Rentalls makinge xij d.
Itm payde for iiijre of the burgesses, theyre dyn'rs and Edwarde Pavye's (22), the sayde iiijth July, at Walton's. xv.d.
Itm pd. for the gatherer's fee of the Rents for this yere v s.

The totall some payde as apperyth iiij li. ij s. vij d.
and so
Rests of thes accompts as apperyth lxiiij s. v d.
wherof
There rem'd unpayde of
R. Hencock ij s.
Agnes Thornhyll xv d.
Of George Morton vj s.
Of Thos. Phyllype ij d.
Of Hughe Strey'n ij s.
Thomas, the Shambelhouse v s.
Old Gren'wodde wyf viij s.
——————xxiiij s. v d.
and so
Remaynyth of this accompte, and put into the chyste xl s.
Itm there is receyved of Thomas Scargell, and it is for the rest of xl s., wh. he dyd charge hym self with all, and it is charged in Jaymes Haldysworthe, the

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inquired in vain, till meeting with a fellow countryman, he was helped out of his perplexity. We see in this entry that the use of the word was not confined to Derbyshire.

(22) Edward Pavey seems to have acted as clerk to the burgesses, and also to the Church Burgesses. He was likewise clerk of the Parish Church, washed the church clothes, and supplied the church candles. A new surplice was bought for him in 1560, at a cost of 4s. 4d.

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| rec'nynge the iij day of April, 1567 | vj s. viij d. |
| Sm. of the Remayneth | xlvj s. viij d. |

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Apud, Sheffelde, ano. 1567.—A reconynge taken there by the burgesses the iijd daye of April, of John Hill, the gather' of the rent of the burgyerye for the yere of o'r Lorde God A M VcLXVJ, endyd at Chrystnymas last past as ffolloyth:

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| The arreage of the last yere, as apperyth by the pytculers of the other syde, the some of | xlvj s. viij d. |
| Item the sayde John Hyll is charged wh one wholle yeres Rent, endyd at Chrystynmas last past, as doyth apperyth by the Rentall | vij li. vij s. |
| The some of the charge ix li xiij s viij d. wherof | |
| Ffurst payde for caryeage of a creple to the next constable (23) | iiij d. |

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(23) By the 1st Edw. VI., c. 3 (1547), it was enacted that the officers of each town, &c., should convey the impotent poor on horseback, cart, chariot, or otherwise to the next constable, and so from constable to constable, till they be brought to the place where they were born, or most conversant for the space of three years, there to be kept and nourished of alms. The best mode of relieving the poor, aged, and impotent, and repressing the sturdy beggars, rogues, and vagabonds was one of the standing difficulties of the 16th century. There was an Act, 12 Richard II., c. 7 (1388), prohibiting labourers departing from their place of residence without a certificate from the justices of the peace. Two Acts relating to beggars were passed in the reign of Henry VII., but in the reign of Henry VIII. the real difficulty began. An Act, 22 Henry VIII., c. 12 (1531), directs the justices to assign to the impotent poor a limit within which

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| Itm payde for goynge abowte the towne to wr'te the pore people | vj d. |
| Item payde to John Langley for pavynge the brydge from the one ende to the other where nede requyreth | xxx s. |

they may beg. Able-bodied beggars to be whipped. Five years afterwards (1536) an Act was passed which first introduced compulsory charity, the poor to be relieved, and sturdy vagabonds punished and set to work. The penalties for vagrancy were very severe. A sturdy beggar to be whipped for the first offence, his right ear cropped for the second offence, and if he again offends, he is, on conviction, to suffer death as a felon and an enemy of the Commonwealth. This act was found too severe, and was repealed by an Act 1 Edward VI., c. 3 (1547), which substituted slavery for the death penalty. This act provides that any person who will not work shall be branded with the letter V, and adjudged a slave for two years to any person demanding him; to be fed on bread and water and refuse meat, and caused to work by beating, chaining, or otherwise. If he ran away during the two years he was to be branded with the letter S on the check, and adjudged a slave for life. If he ran away again, he was to suffer death. This statute was modified by others passed in 1550, 1551, and 1555, empowering the officers of towns and churchwardens in parishes to "gently ask" the parishioners to contribute weekly for the relief of the poor. The response was not satisfactory, and by the 5th Elizabeth, c. 3 (1563), it was provided that persons of "froward and wilful mind" who would not contribute were to be brought before the quarter sessions and taxed at the discretion of the justices, with imprisonment in default. By the 14th Elizabeth, c. 5 (1572), the power is given to the justices to tax or assess all the inhabitants to the relief of the poor. Severe penalties are maintained against vagrancy. This Act was replaced by one of the 39th Elizabeth, c. 3 (1598), and finally by the 43rd Elizabeth, c. 2, which remained the poor-law of England until 1834.

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| Itm pd for a byll shafte for the towne harnes (24) | ij d. |
| Itm pd for iij yerds of whyte clothe for the pyper or wayte of the towne after xvij d. the yerde (25) | iiij s. iij d. |
| Itm pd for lyttonge (26) the same | vij d. ob. |
| Itm. pd. for makynge the same coote | xij d. |

(24) This is the first mention of the town harness. Further on in the accounts we shall come upon enumerations of the armour and weapons, with the names of the men in whose keeping the different articles were. It was one of the duties of the burgesses to keep the harness and weapons in good repair; and down to the establishment of the Artillery Volunteers, in 1861, they still discharged that duty, by having custody of the town guns—two small cannon, a legacy from the period of the French revolutionary wars. The feoffees of Rotherham kept their town harness in a similar way. In Toulmin Smith's "Parish," page 518, note, it is said:—"Not only is every man in England bound by the common law, and ancient statute law, to have sufficient arms (every weapon was formerly called 'armour') — a provision peculiarly characteristic of a free people—but every parish (town) was also bound to have and keep ready for use, a certain amount of armour, as its quota towards the national defence; and, when called upon, the parish had to find a man or men, as occasion needed, fitly trained to the active use of this armour."

(25) The piper or wait was a sort of combination of the watchman and the minstrel. In some places it was the duty of the waits to guard the streets at night and pipe the hour. In Glasgow 300 years ago, the waits were clothed in blue coats at the city's expense. In London and Westminster, there were waits acting as chartered itinerant musicians as late as 1820. In the latter city they were under the control of the High Constable and the Court of Burgesses.

(26) Lyttonge, that is dying. Litster was a Yorkshire name for a dyer.

Itm pd the vjth. daye of January for the co'stable and iiijre men costs and charges to Meykesborough to appere affore the Queenes ma'ties comyssyon'rs. for the subsydye (27) iij s. viij d.

Itm pd sayde daye for breade and ale for certen burges's. ix d.

Itm pd for iij Rentells makinge xij d.

Itm pd for the Rent gethering this yere v s.

Itm the xij men theyr dynrs of the semble quest the sayde iij daye of Aprill, and xij of the Burgesses at Jaymes H. (28) ix s.

Itm payde in Redy money by the sede John Hill, of the ix s. of the other syde xxxiiij s. viij d.

The totall some of money pd. and delyeryde. iiij li. x s. xj d. ob.

And so

Restyth in John Hill hands over and above xlvj s. viij d. lvi s. ob. paid.

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Apud Sheffeld, Ano. 1568.—A Reconnynge taken there by the Burgesses, the xxi daye of June, of Thomas Braye and Robte. Bower, gather's of the Rents of the Burgery for the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande Vc. LXX., endyd at Chrystynmas last past, as ffolloythe:

The arreage or remayneth of money in the boke and in John Hyll hands, of his accompts som'd [Amount left blank]

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(27) The place indicated is Mexborough. On the 12th December, 1566, Parliament granted to the Queen one-fifteenth and tenth, and also one subsidy. "It amounted," says Mr. Froude, "in a rough estimate to an income tax of seven per cent. for two years."

(28) This is the dinner for the Court Leet jury for Sheffield soke. Concerning the custom of the

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| The sayde accomptants are chargy'd wth one holle yeres Rent endyd at Chrystynmas ano p'dic'o as apperyth by the Rental | vij li. vij s. |
| The some of the charge [amount left blank] | |
| Whereof | |
| Ffyrst payde for one taxe due wythin the same yere (28*a*) | xxiij s. iiij d. |
| Itm. payde for iij re yerds of clothe for the whyetes coote | iiij s. vj d. |
| Itm. payde for lyttynge the same clothe, vz the half Redde | vij d.ob. |
| Itm. pd. for makynge the same | xij d. |
| Itm. pd. for xij mens dyn'rs of the semble quest | iiij s. iiij d. |
| Itm. pd. to Willm. Atkynson and his sonnes for leyinge the stone of the crose in the m'rket stede (29) and poyntynge it w'th lyme and sende | x s. |

manor, John Harrison, in his survey made in 1637, says, "Within this manor is kept a Court Baron once every three weeks, and a Court Leet twice every year, whereof the chiefest Court is kept upon every Easter Tuesday (which is there called Sembly Tuesday), at which there are six juries impannelled. * * Upon every Sembly Tuesday aforesaid, is assembled upon Sembly green, where the Court is kept, and near unto the Castle, at least 139 horsemen, with horse and harness provided by the freeholders and copyholders, and other tenants, to appear before the Lord of the Manor or the Steward of his Courts, to be viewed by them, and for the confirming of the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King."

(28*a*) Apparently the tax on the town property under the Subsidy Act of 1566.

(29) Market stede is, of course, Market place. The market cross stood near the site of the present ornamental lamp in the Market place, at the bottom of High street. It stood on a slab of stone resting on four round pillars. See illustration in "Gatty's Hunter's Hallamshire," p. 231.

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| Itm. payde to Hughe Sponer for Lyme to the seme crose | viij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm. pd. for fecheinge the lyme | | ij d. |
| Itm. pd. for wacheynge the sayde crose one nyght (30) | | vj d. |
| Itm. pd. to the sayde Atkynsons for mendynge yreyshe crose after the same man'r (31) | iiij s. | vj d. |
| Itm. pd. to Hughe Sponer for lyme for the same crose | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm. pd. for wacheinge one nyght | | vj d. |
| Itm. pd. to Mr. Roddes in rewarde for . . . . | x s. | |
| Itm. payde for theyre chargs yt rode to his house ij. dayes | ij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm. payde for leydynge on lode sande | | iiij d. |
| Itm. pd. for paper and wrtynge of rentalls | | xij d. |
| Itm. the fee accostomed for gatheringe the rents | v s. | |
| Itm. gevyn to John Robynson when he receyvd the xij mens verdyt (32) | xx d. | |
| The holle some of payments this yere | iiij li. | vij d. ob. |
| and so | | |
| Rests of thes accompts | lxvj s. | iiij d. ob. |
| whereof | | |
| There rem'd unpayde of Ellen Ule | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm. George Randall | | xv d. |
| Itm. Willm. Dycconson | | ij d. |
| Itm. George Morton | | iiij d. |

(30) We are at a loss to explain this watching of the cross, unless it was to prevent mischief while the mortar was still soft. If so the cross must have been an unpopular emblem.

(31) The Irish cross stood at the top of Water lane. See Gatty's Hunter, page 231.

(32) This is the verdict of the Sembly quest, mentioned in Note 28.

Itm. Thomas Wills ij s.
Itm. Thomas Phyllype iiij d.
Itm. the Shamellhouse v s.
Sm. xjs. vij d.

And so
Rests all thyngs for this yere
Dyschage, liiij s. ix d. ob.
Paid to the burgesses and put into the boxe.

[For some reason the balance remaining in John Hill's hands at the end of 1567, amounting to £5. 2s. 8½d., is not taken in account in this reckoning.]

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Ano. 1569, Sheff.—A Reconnynge taken the xxvijth day of October, by the burgesses there, of Nicholas Stanyforde and Ffraunes Swifte, collectours of the burga'e Rents for the yere of o'r Lorde God (1568), for one holle yere end'd at Chrystynmas, ano p'dco as ff.

The holle yeres Rent endyd at Chrystynmas anno 1568 vij li. vij s.

Wherof
Ffyrst payde to John Robynson for certen artycles wh were sende from Yorke from the countye iiij d.
Itm delyvryd into Mr. Wm. Swyfte hands for the lottre (33) xx s.
Itm pd for the laste payment of the taxe by John Hornor and

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(33.) The first State lottery was drawn in England in 1569, and our Sheffield Burgesses speculated 20s. It began to be drawn on the 11th Jan., 1569, at the west door of St. Paul's Cathedral, and continued day and night till the 6th May. The lottery consisted of 40,000 lots or shares at 10s. each, and promised "a great number of good prizes, as well of ready money, as of plate, and certain sorts of merchandise." The profits went for the reparation of harbours and other useful public works. See Chambers' Book of Days, v. 1, p. 93.

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| Thomas Borowes constables wyth theyr costs (34) | xxiij s. |
| Itm gevyn to John Hornor for the caryeage of a pore man to the next constable | iiij d. |
| Itm gevyn to Robte More to mende the townefelde yate | ix d. |
| Itm gevyn to George Swyfte for leyinge a plancke | iij d. |
| Itm payde for Nycholas M'rshall (35) coote wth lynige & makyng. | vij s. ij d. |
| Itm. pd. for paveinge in the towne stre' agaynst hery Swifts and so to Sleks | xiiij s. xj d. |
| Itm the fees for gatheringe the Rente for this yer | v s. |
| Itm spent to Mr Rodes for o'r costs & | xvj d. |
| Itm gevyn in Rewarde to Mr Rods | v s. |
| Itm gevyn to Pavy for wr'tynge | iiij d. |
| Itm gevyn to John Robynson for takynge of the verdyt | xij d. |
| Itm pd for the xij mens dynrs by Ffrannes Swyfte | vj s. |
| Itm pd to Pavye v s. / Itm pd to Ryc Robte viij d. | v s. viijd. |

Somm paym iiij li. xj s. jd.

The Rents to be Rec'd

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| Thomas Phyllyps | iiij d. |
| Willm Sklatter | ij d. |
| Roger Buttwods | xx d. |
| George Kendall | ij s. vj d. |
| Elen Yowle | ij s. vj d. |
| Thomas Spencer | iij d. |
| George Morton | ij s. iij d. |
| Thomas Wille | ij s. |
| Thomas oots | ij s. ij d. |
| Hughe Streye | xviij d. |
| The Shemelle house | v s. |

(34). The subsidy of 1566.

(35). The name of the piper or waite. See note 25.

Thomas Horner v s. —xxv s. iiij d.
Delyuryd to the burgesses by the saide Nyc. Stanyforde vij s., and by Ff. Swyft xxij s. 8d. xxix s. viij d.
The totall some pd as apperythe vij li. vi s. j d.
and so
Restyth over the Rent unreceyvyd vz. the some of xxv s. iiij d. as apperyth xj d.

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Anno Dom., 1570 [usual heading], 18th May, Robt. More and Rycharde Hale, collectors for the year begynynge at Mydsomer 1569, and endynge at Chrystynmas anno p'dco as ffollowyth.

[Total years rent] vij li. vij s.
Whereof
Delyvryd the xxvj th day of Noueb. and the xth of Ffebruary of Good Frydaye and semblye Tewesday at these iiij sundry tymes which ymployde for the furnyture of the souldyers as apperyth in the latter end of this boke by the sayde collectors (36) v li. xxij d.
Itm pd to Jaymes Heldysworth wyffe for the xij men dynrs of

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(36). This payment was caused by the outbreak of an insurrection under the Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland, called in history the Northern Rebellion. It commenced on the 11th of November, and for a time assumed threatening proportions. We shall find in these accounts (pages 23 *et seq.*) many entries relating to the soldiers raised for the Queen's army at this time. The town contributed £24. 16s. 1d. Four men were sent to York and twelve men lay for some time at Doncaster, without being called upon for more active duty.

the semble quest beynge xiiij per man. iiij s. viij d.

Itm theyre ffee for gathering the rent this yere v s.

Itm delyvryd to Anthony Hobes (? Hokes) the viijth daye of Maye 1570 to kepe his house bycause he had benne at colts of Rothera' where they dyed of ye plagge (37). xij d.

Itm pd the xviijth daye of Maye in Willm Walton's pler [parlour] for drynke for certen of the burgesses at the view of the bokes of the chargs of servynge the quenes hyghnes (38). viij d.

Sm' paym payde v li. xiij s. ij d.

These be the rentes that behynde and unpayde:—

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|---|---|---|
| Roger Butterods | iij s. iiij d. | |
| Ellen Yowle | ij s. vj d. | |
| George Randall | ij s. iij d. | |
| George Morton } Thomas Wille } | vj s. | |
| Thomas Ootts | iiij s. iiij d. | |
| Thomas Phyllype | ij d. | |
| Hughe Strey | iii s. | |
| Robte Roger | iiij s. | |
| The Shameble house | v s.— | xxxj s. x d. |
| There is Receyvyd of Edward Sponer | | ij s. |
| and he oweth for this last yere | | |
| ij s. Sum pd. and to be receyvyd | | vij li. v s. & so |
| restyth clere of this Reconynge | | iiij s. |

(37). It was an ordinary precaution against the infection of the plague to shut up in their houses persons and families under the slightest suspicion of contagion. This entry shows that an allowance was made to confined persons from the common fund of the town.

(38). This entry also refers to the men and money raised by the town for the suppression of the Northern Rebellion.

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| Rec'd of Thomas Oots for pte of his reragge due in this yere of our Lorde 1569 | ij s. |
| Itm there remaynyth of the lviij s. whyche John Sheldon and John Hornor Recd. of the Quenes Maties. Coymyssyoners whche was delyueryd to haue boughte a corslet, a pyke, a caleve' and a moryon xiij s. iiij d. pd. and allowed to the constables | xliiij s. viijd. |
| Sm' payd. xlvj s. viij d. | |
| There Remeynyth in money the xxiiijd. daye of Maye 1570 and all thynges dyscharged | l s. viij d. |
| whereof | |
| Payde for mendynge of a gybbet w'th yron and hyngs to Anthony Hybbert | xx d. |
| and so | |
| Restyth the xth daye of June 1570 and put in the boxe | xlix s. |

[Page 354 of the volume.]—(39.)

Sheffelde, Ano. Dom. 1569.—The charges of settynge fforthe of iiijre townechippe me' the xvijth daye of Nouember to servyvge of Quenes matie as ffolloyth:—

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(39). These accounts are entered towards the end of the volume, though they belong to 1569. They are not the ordinary accounts of Burgery but detail the extraordinary expenditure on account of the northern rebellion. Sir Ralph Sadler was paymaster of the forces under the Earl of Sussex, Lord President of the North. Queen Elizabeth, in an order to Sadler dated 15th Feb. 1570, acknowledged the loyalty of her people in taking up arms, but complained of their lack of horses, harness, and weapons which were more needful now than in former times. She rejoices "that our whole people of all degrees were to all purposes apparently found faithful, loyall, and

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| Ffyrst pd to the sayde iiijre men for the wag's by the com'and'ent of my Lorde Darcye (40) and the rest of the com'yssyonrs | lxvj s. viij d. |
| Item payde to Jaymes Haldysworthe for yron kelther (41) xiij. yerds at vij d. the yerde & for their coots | vij s. vij d. |
| Itm pd to John Sheldon for vij yerds and iij q of Kelter at the like p'ce | iiij s. vj d. |
| Itm pd for iiij yerds and a q of the same Sheldon at viij d. the yerde | ij s. x d. |
| Itm pd to John Tryppett for too payre of boots | xi s. |
| Itm pd to Robte More for iiijre Sculls (42) at xxd. a pece | vj s. viij d. |
| Itm pd for iiijre cappes for the sayde sculles at xvjd. the pece | v s. iiij d. |
| Itm payde to Jaymes Haldysworthe for a Jacke | iiij s. vj d. |
| Itm pd to Robte More for ij yerds of clothe to cover the same jack | xiiij d. |
| Itm pd to Arther Cleyton for one payre of bootes | v s. |
| Item payde for a dosen poynts | ij d. |

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willing, both with their bodies, lives, and goods, to serve us against the said rebels: whereof we had manifest proof in no small numbers, that were speedily levied, and most willingly conducted in our army in the north."—*Sadler Papers*, v. 2, p. 419.

(40). John Lord Darcye held Doncaster for the Queen. He was grandson or great-grandson of Thomas Lord Darcy who was executed 30 Henry VIII. for his share in the insurrection called the Pilgrimage of Grace. John Lord Darcy died 1575.

(41). Iron kelther, *i.e.* an iron girdle.

(42). Sculls were an iron defence for the head sewed inside the cap. Jack, a coat of mail or military coat worn over a coat of mail.

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| Item pd to Ryc Byrley for packe clothe | | xvj d. |
| Itm pd to John Mosley for a payre of boots | v s. | |
| Item pd for oone bill to Robte Bowre | | xx d. |
| Itm pd for a bill to Hughe Sponer | | xx d. |
| Itm pd to Jaymes Haldysworthe for a bill | ij s. | |
| Itm pd to Robte More for a Jacke | vj s. | |
| Itm pd to Jaymes Haldysworthe for wantye [surcingle] | | xij d. |
| Itm pd to George More for wrtyng | | iiij d. |
| Itm delyveryd to Laurence Sutton for conducte money beynge a Sunday | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm to Nyc Atkynson for ye lyke | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm to John Tryckett for the lyke | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm to Edwarde Ygnara' [Ingram] for ye lyke | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm payde for iiij daggers for the sayde souldyeurs at xx d. a pece | vj s. | viij d. |
| Itm payde to Thomas Shawe for makynge a payre of sloppes and a jerkyn | | x d. |
| Itm pd to Malin Stacye for makynge of ij payre of sloppes ij jyrkyns | | xx d. |
| Itm pd to Thomas Fayrhurst for makynge of a payre of sloppes and a jerkyn | | x d. |
| Itm pd to John Twygge for coverynge a jacke | | vj d. |
| Itm pd to John Haldysworthe for caryeage of the souldyours harnes to Yorke and beynge there | viij s. | |
| Itm payde for breackefast for viij of the burgesses the sayde xvij daye of Nouember | | xxj d. |
| Itm pd to Laurence Shemelde and John Sheldon for the settynge | | |

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| furth of the same iiij men otheyr costs | xvij s. | vj d. | |
| The Totall some pd for the charge hereof as p'tyculerly apperyth | ix li. | v s. | vj d. |

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Sheffeld, Ano. Dm. 1569.—The charges of the xij souldyours lyinge in Dancaster in Nouember and all other charges aboute the same by my Lordes Darcyes and the Rest of the Quenes Maties. Com'yssyon'rs as folloyth:—

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| Ffyrst payde to Robte More for iijre yardés of lynnen clothe | | xxj d. |
| Itm payde for iij re yerds and a di of harden (43) at vij d. the yerde for coverynge Jacks | | ij s. ob |
| Itm payde to Lawrence Foxe for chaynes for furnyshe of iiijre men at xvj d. the pece | vj s. | viij d. |
| Itm payde to Olyver Hurste for liiij yerds of kelter at vij d. the yerde for jerkyns and sloppes | xxxj s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Jaymes Haldysworthe for xij yerds and iij quartes of kelter at vij d. the yerde | vij s. | vj d. |
| Itm payde to the same James for iij qts. ffryse | | vj d. |
| Itm pd to He'ry Rodes for vj yerds kelter at viij d. ye yerde | iiij s. | |
| Itm pd to John Whyte for a sculle | | xx d. |
| Itm pd to Willm Elles for the dressynge of iijre salletts and a payre of splents (44) | | xvj d. |

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(43), Harden cloth, a coarse home-made linen. Fustian, a cotton cloth or mixed cotton and linen.

(44). A sallet was a light helmet with projection behind. Splints, armour of overlapping plates like scales of a lobster.

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| Itm pd to Willm Dycconson (45) for meylynge of salletts | | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to Rycharde Hale for courynge [covering] of a sculle | | ij d. |
| Itm pd to Ryc Hale and John Day courynge of a Jacke | | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Willm Twygge for makynge of ij payre of sloppes and ij jerkyns | | xx d. |
| Itm pd for makynge of iijre jyrkyns (46) & iijre payre of sloppes to Thos Shawe | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Thomas Fayrehurste for makynge of vj jerkyns and vj payres of sloppes | v s. | |
| Itm pd to John Haldysworthe for caryeage of harnes to Dancaster | ij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to John Hurst for the caryeage of harnes to Dancast'r | ij s. | |
| Itm pd for the charge of the xij souldyeurs at Dancaster for the space of iiij days at eve'y of them viij d. by the daye | xxxij s. | |
| Itm pd for the charge of Laurence Shemelde Adam Gyll and John Shelden w'th theyr horses in Dancast'r from the xxvth of Nouemb'r to the ij d. of December the space of viij dayes. | xiiij s. | j d. |
| Itm pd for poynts for the souldyers | | viij d. |
| Itm pd for ij sworde gyrdylls | | viij d. |
| Itm pd for a bowe strenge | | j d. |
| Itm pd for the charge of ij of the | | |

(45). 1606, Oct. 2, William Dickenson, senior, late of Sheffield, died about 30 May last past, and Gilbert Dickenson seeks to be admitted to lands in Chapeltown as being his son and heir aged 40 years. *Sheffield Court Rolls.* Gilbert Dickenson married one of the daus. and coheirs of Thomas Housley, of Housley Hall, in the parish of Ecclesfield.

(46). Jerkins; short coats or close waistcoats.

souldyours that dyd Remayne byhynde at Dancast'r xj s. iiij d.
Itm pd for the charge of John Sheldon, w'th the hyre of a horse to Dancaster iij s. iiij d.
Itm pd by Adam Gyll for the charges and borde of the souldyors at Dancaster more xxviij s.
Itm pd for ij daggers and ij payre of showes [?] for the ij souldyours vj s. iiij d.
Itm pd for a sworde gyrdyll for Jowles viij d.
Itm pd for the charges of Adam Gyll one nyght at Dancaster x d.
Itm pd for the hyre of a horse iijre sundry tymes to Dancaster for the same Adam ij s.
Itm pd to Ryc Robte for wrtynge iijre or iiijre sundry tymes xij d.
Itm pd for mendynge of a sheffe [sheaf] of arrowes xvj d.
Itm pd to Lawrence Shemelde for the hyre of a horse to Dancaster ij sundry tymes xvj d.
Itm pd to Laurence Shemelde for goynge abowte the towne to helpe to gether the money xij d.
Itm pd to Ryc Robte for wrtynge iiij d.
Itm gevyn to Thomas Borowes for that he toke his harnes agayn vj d.
Itm pd to John Sheldon for costs and charges of himself at Da'n-cast' over xl s. whyche he recd. xxij s. ij d.
Itm pd the xxvth of Nouemb' for xij of the honest men's dynrs of the towne at Waltons iij s. viij d.
Itm pd to Laurence Sutton for his meat by Reward viij d.
Itm pd to Robte More for the full payment of his bill of the fyrst souldyours x s. x d.
The totall some pd as aperyth by the p'tyculers herof x li. xiiij s. iij d. ob.

Sheffelde eodem anno. The charge of the ij souldyours that shulde haue gone in February vz Tryckett and Sutton as ff.

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| Ffyrst delyuryd to John Sheldon, constable, and Laurence Shemeld, to paye for a corselett and a pyke, by the commyssyonrs commendeme't | xxxij s. iiij d. | |
| Itm delyuryd to the sayde John and Laurence to paye for harqabussury (47) w'th a moryon by the lyke commandm't | xx s. | |
| Itm delyuryd to the same John to paye for other charges as shulde be necessarye w'th theyr owne charges | vij s. | j d. |
| Itm gevyn to Laurance Sutton for his co'ducte money | v s. | |
| Itm gevyn to John Tryckett for the lyke | v s. | |
| Itm to the said Laurence for his boots | iiij s. | |
| Itm pd to Arther Cleyto' for a payre of bootes for Tryckett | iiij s. viij d. | |
| Itm delyuryd them money to bye them eyther of them a dagger | iij s. iiij d. | |
| Itm pd to Thomas Shewe for makynge of ij white cootes. | | xv d. |
| Itm pd to John Sheldon for Vve yerds and di of clothe to make theyr cootes | vij s. | |
| Itm pd to Arthur Clayto' for a sworde ij s. iiij d., and Thomas Byrley another ij s. viij d. | v s. | |
| Itm there Rest to John Sheldon as apperyth by his bill | | ij s. j d. |
| Sm' pay' iiij li. xvj s. ix d. | | |

(47). Harquibusery: That is matters appertaining to a harquebus, a sort of musket, discharging a ball of about 2oz. weight.

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Sheffield eodem ano. The charges of settynge forthe the Saudyours in Aprill w'th the blew coote as ffolloyth (48).

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| Ffyrst the co'stable c'ostes at Ecclesfelde | | vj d. |
| Itm at Rotheram at the must'r of the souldyours w'th whyte coote | | x d. |
| Itm at Ecclesfelde at the must'r of the blewe coote | | viij d. |
| Itm the costes of John Sheldon at Dancaster another tyme | | viij d. |
| Itm the charges of the sayde John and John Hornor at Conysborowe to Rec the money | | xiij d. |
| Itm the charges of Arthur Clayton at Conysborowe and John Tryckett | | xiij d. |
| Itm the costes of Arthur Clayton and John Tryckett at Phompheret (49) | iij s. | ij d. |
| Itm pd for blewe clothe for to make Tryckett a coote of | vij s. | x d. |
| Itm gevyn Tryckett for his conduct money | v s. | |
| Itm gevyn Tryckett more for hose and shoos | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm pd for a yerde and a half of fustyan [fustian] for a doublett for Tryckett | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd for canvas and bottons for the same | | xj d. |

(48). There was a muster of blue coats in April, in obedience to a warrant from the Queen to Sir Ralph Sadler, dated March 11th. This warrant set forth that it was necessary to levy and send a number of horsemen towards the borders of Scotland, and Sadler was directed to summon those liable to furnish their quota. (See Sadler papers, vol. 2, p. 423.)

(49). Pontefract: Sir Thos. Gargrave, of Wakefield, held Pontefract Castle for the Queen.

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| Itm pd for makynge of the cote and doublet | | xvj d. |
| Itm pd for a pomell of a sworde and mendynge the same | | xij d. |
| Itm pd by Arthur a Clayton to Mr. Anne of Ffrycley (50) for or by the conmendement of the co'myssyon'rs | xx s. | |
| The holle some of charge as doyth appere p'tyculerly | xlix s. | xjd. |
| The totall some payde as well for the iiijre men that went fyrst as also the xijve men that ley at Dancaster, the two whyte cootes that shulde have gone, the blewe coote w'th all the costes and charges aboute the same w'h the towne hathe borne of theyr costes as apperythe by the partyculers of this boke | xxvij li. vj s. v d. ob. | |

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Sheffelde, Ano. Dm., 1569 and 1570.

These p'cells of money the Towne had and hathe leyvyened for the payment of the some of charge as hereafter folloyth:—

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| Ffyrst there Remayned in the com'en boxe in November afforsayde 1569 the some of | vj li. vj s. j d. | |
| Itm Receyvyd of Robte More and Rycharde Hall gathers of the Rent for one hole yere endyd at the 'ystynmas last viz 1569 | v li. xv s. ij d. | |
| Itm Recd for the fyrst collectyen or ley of the towne in Novemb | | |

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(50). Martin Anne, of Frickley, a descendant of Sir Wm. Anne, Constable of Tickhill Castle, temp. Edward II. His son, George Anne, entered his pedigree at Glover's Visitation of Yorkshire, 1584. Arms:—Gules three bucks' heads caboshed argent, attired or. Crest:—A woman's head couped at the shoulders proper.

afforsayde as apperyth by this boke by the p'tyclers vij li. ix s.
Itm Recd of the seconde collectyon or ley as also doyth appere lxxj s. x d.
Itm Recd of Nycholas Stanyforde and Ffraunces Swyfte for the Rest of theyre Reconynge for yere endyd at Chrystynmas 1568 xxix s. viij d.
Itm Rec'd of Robte Rowlynson over and above ij Jackes wh was for the xij Jerkyns and sloppes that was made for the xij shouldyrs that ley in Dancaster iiij s. iiij d.
The wholle some of the Receyte as apperyth xxiiij li. xvij s. j d.

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Anno dom 1566 The Reconynge of James H. and Edwarde ap Ropyn (51) for the Rent for one holle yere as ffollh

Ffyrst they rec'd for the same one yere by there bill of p'cells xxxviij s. ij d.

Wherof

Pd for xiij mens dynrs of the semble quest the xviij of Aprill iiij s. iiij d.
Itm gevyn the clerke of the Court for takynge in the verdyt xij d.
Itm pd for wrytynge xvj d.
Itm pd for theyr fees xvj d.
Itm spent at the gatheringe ij d.
Sm' payde viij s. ijd.

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* We here return the ordinary accounts of the Burgery.

(51). Edward ap Ropyn or Robin appears several times in these accounts. As Edward ap Robte he paid 8d. to the first tax of 1569, and as Edward ap Robyn to the half tax of 1570. It is the only example of the Welsh "ap" met with in these accounts.

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| Restyth of this accompte and Thomas Braye was chargyed w'th it | xxx s. |
| Wherof | |
| Delyuryd to Jaymes Heldysworthe an Nycholus Stanyforde for the mendynge of Brytlande (52) well as apperythe by theyr bill | xiij s. |
| Itm more payde by the same Thomas Braye the xxvijth daye of October for x of the burgesses dyners at the Reconyng of Nyc Stanyforde and Ffraunces Swyfte | iij s. iiij d. |
| Itm pd more the xxvjth daye of Nouember 1569 for headynge the heds of xxij arrowes | vj d. |
| 1570 Itm gevyn to hery Cocke the Scole Mr the xijth daye of May in Rewarde (53) | v s. |
| Itm pd the xxiiijth daye of Maye 1570 for dryncke and meat at Wm Waltons for certen of the burgesses at the co'clusyon of bokes for makynge of the souly'rs for syuynge of the quenes matie . | xx d. |

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(52). Brytland well, doubtless one of the public wells of the town, but the name is now lost.

(53) This is the only notice of the schoolmaster I have seen in the Burgery accounts. In the accounts of the Church Burgesses for 1567 and 1568 occur payments to Mr. Yonge, "scole mr:"—

"Itm. pd. to Mr. Yonge the scole mr. for the accomplyment of his wags at Chrystynmas, ix s. viiid."

"Itm. gevyn to Mr. Yonge for the obteyinge of a lycense to keep the scole, x s."

I have not ascertained whether Yonge left and Cooke succeeded him between 1568 and 1570, or whether there were two schoolmasters in the town.

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Sheffelde anno dom a566, xiij die Julii.—My Lordes Rents for the [fee firme] of the burgery and gather [yd by the] saide burgesses and payde to [my L.] wse as shall hereafter ensue (54). Ffooda firme Ville de Sheffeld.

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| Ffryst Uxor Barnarde for my Lordes yt she dwellyth in p' an'o | | vj d. |
| Wm Elles for Mr. P'ker lande | | ix d. |
| John Whyte for the churche lande | | iij d. |
| Edwarde Shewall for my Lorde lande | | xij d. |
| Thomas Byrley for Eyres land | | ix d. |
| Ryc Ffenton (55) for all the lande yt was purchasyd of Mr Swifte | vj s. | |
| Uxor Johns Byrley for my L landes | | iij d. |
| Nycholas Stanyforde for Barker (56) lande | | xij d. |
| Ffraunces Swyft (57) for the house he nowe dwellyth in | | vj d. |
| Wm Slacke for my L houses | | vij d. |

(54) This is a rental of the lands held by the free tenants under Furnival's charter, collected by the Burgery and paid to the Lord of the Manor. The original reserved rent was £3. 8s. 9¼d. How it came to have fallen to £2. 15s. 2½d. in the 5th Henry VIII. as appears by this rental, is as yet unexplained. The total received was £2. 17s. 1½d., which, after paying £2. 15s. 2½d. to the Earl of Shrewsbury, left 1s. 11d. for the collector.

(55) 34 Hen. VIII. Ricardus Ffenton is admitted to one messuage and nine acres in Southey which lately were in the tenure of Thomas Swifte.—*Sheffield Court Rolls.*

(56) We seem here to get upon the track of that remote personage Barker of the Pool, but the original Barker is further back still.

(57) 3 and 9 Philip and Mary—Thomas Beighton et Dionisia uxor ejus surrender one messuage and all their lands in the soke of Sheffield to the use and behoof of Francis Swift for 30 years.—*Sheffield Court Rolls.*

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|---|---|
| E. ap Robyn for Mr. Fenton lande | xiv d. |
| Thomas Braye for the house that John Cotton and hellyfelde dwelle in | v d. |
| The sayde Thomas for the house yt Edwarde Eyre dwellyth in | vj d. |
| Thomas Barbor (58) for Hornor and Asthley house | vj d. |
| John Bryght and Lee lande yt Pereson dwellyth in | iij d. |
| Thomas Phyllypott for holland land | iij d. |
| Robte Lyttyllwod for Stycke-bucke l [and] | iij d. |
| Hughe Sponer for Ryc Shewall(59)l | ij s. viij d. |
| The Churchewardens for Churche lande | vij s. ij d. |
| Thomas Wryght for his lande | vj d. |
| Thomas Holland (60) for his lande | vj d. |
| John Byrley lande | vj d. |
| Wm Slatt'r for Twelle lande | ix d. |
| Thomas Bryghte for P'ker lande | vij d. ob. |
| Thomas Storres for Backers lande | v d. |
| Willm Greves for hode lande vz John Jackson iiij d. Tho Ule iij d. Hery Doune iiij d. | xj d. |
| John Hobson for hode lande | j d. |
| Thomas Hartley for Shemeld l | iij d. |
| Thomas Byrley for dey' house | iij d. |
| Robte Stevyn for Barker lande | xv d. |
| John Hobson for a house | iij d. |
| Hughe Sponer for Abbey lande | ij d. |
| Ryc Hale for the moyte of the Hartesheade his pte | iiij d. |

(58) 32 Hen. VIII., Dec. 14.—Ricardus Barbar surrenders all his lands and one messuage in Fulwood, and all those lands which he holds by the surrender of William Barbar, who got them by the surrender of Radus Lee, to the use and behoof of Thomas Barbar and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten.—*Court Rolls.*

(59) Probably Richard Shemall or Shemeld.

(60) 23 Hen. VII.—Thomas, son of Thomas Holland, seeks to be admitted to one messuage and a half bovat, &c., in Fulwood.—*Court Rolls.*

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| Wm Southe for the same for Greves | | ij d. |
| Wm Tomson for his lande | | iij d. |
| Wm Horner and Thomas Horn'r for my Lordes lande in theyr handes | v s. | |
| Jaymes Haldysworthe for Mr Eyre l | | xij d. |
| The same for his owne lande | | j d. |
| Thomas Starger for chelnor lande | v s. | v d. |
| Thomas Scargell (61) for his lande | | xvj d. |
| Robte Lewes for the new halle | | vij d. |
| Bryan Jeysoppe for my L lande | | vj d. |
| Ryc Foxe for the churche lande | | iij d. |
| Robte Fayrbank for the same | | iij d. |
| Uxor Hethn'r for the same | | iij d. |
| Hughe Pereson for his lande | | iij d. |
| Robte More for his house yt Dey is in | | xij d. |
| John Dalton for the churche lande | | iij d. |
| Wm Lee for Bawmen lande | | v d. |
| Humfray Bayte | | iiij d. |
| Robte Bower for his lande | | iij d. |
| Robte Lee for Ffraunces More lande | | ij d. |
| Robte Colson for my L lands | | v d. |
| John Hill for his lande | ij s. | vij d. |
| Thomas Boore for Mr Fenton lande | | xx d. |
| Ryc Wylkynson for the same | | vj d. |
| Wm Hobson for ye sayd Mr Fenton | | iij d. |
| Thomas Borowes for my L lande | | xij d. |
| Thomas Borowes for his owne lande | | v d. |

(61) 1575, Aug. 8.—Will of Thomas Scargill, of Sheffield, yeoman. William, my son; Dionise, my wife; Dionise, dau. of Thos. S., my son, deceased; Thomas, son of Robt. S., my godson; Nicholas S., brother of the said Thomas S.; Joana, daughter of John Swyfte, of Whitehouse, deceased; Ellen S., my daughter; Ann Hole, my wife's dau.; Thomas and Ann, children of Thomas Hall; Elizabeth, wife of Robert Scargill; John Shemeld, my uncle; John Bullus and Nicolas Hobson, my sons-in-law. Proved 29 March, 1576.—*Gatty's Ecclesfield Registers, p.* 134.

John Horner for my Lordes lande xij d.
The totall som'e as apperyth by the p'tyc'rs lvij s. j d. ob.

whereof

To be payde to my Lordes ferme greveof Hallam pp. yerly as hathe bene accostomed tyme out of mynde of man as is apparraünt by my Lorde's Rentalles & his audytor boke in the allownces of ano Regni Regis Hy viij v to. lv s. ij d. ob.

and so

Restyth for hym yt gathers at xxiij d.
A Remembrance yt Edwarde Pavye sayth Ffrances Swyft as he thinks shulde paymore for house xij d.

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Anno dmi. 1570.—A Reconinge taken there the xth daye of July by the Burgesses of Thomas Skargell and James Haldsworthe collectors of the burgesses Rent for the yere beginninge at Mydsomer 1570 and endinge at Christenmas an'o p'dicto as followeth—

(Total rent charged to the collectors £7. 7s.)

Whereof

paid to Hughe Sponer for gyvinge in their verdytt and wrytinge of their paynes ij s.
Itm the chardges of the said Hewghe and James Haldsworthe going to Dancaster xviij d.
Itm paide the iij daye of December to the Swynnarde wiffe (62) iij s. iiij d.

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(62) The wife of the swine herd. There was a public officer to look after the pigs of the townsmen and drive them to the common pasture and pasturable wood. (See the accounts for 1573; also Miss Toulmin Smith's paper on the Rotherham accounts, p. 19.)

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| Itm paid the xijth daye of Decemb for vij yerds and a halfe of Whyte Carsaye for the waytes | x s. | |
| Itm for lyinge to the same cootes | | xviij d. |
| Itm for makinge of the same cootes & ij badgeis | ij s. | viij d. |
| Itm payd to the clarke of the markytt | xx s. | |
| Itm iiij mens chardges at Rotherham | | xx d. |
| Itm pd to James Rawson for a loade of Spyers for Robte Taylear | ij s. | v d. |
| Itm pd to my Lordes greave for a mersyment of Barker Powle (63) | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Som'e of these chardges payd | xlviij s. | v d. |

[Rents in arrear include the names of Roger Butterodes, Ellen Yowle, George Kendalle, Thomas Phillippe, George Molton, and the Shamble howse. Collectors fee 5s.]

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Anno Dom 1572.—[Thomas Scargell and James Haldsworth, collectors, charged with £6. 12s. 6d.]

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| Whereof | | |
| Ffirst paid to Willm Slacke for gevynge the verdytt of the Sembley quest | vj s. | |
| Itm to Thomas Creswicke for makinge the pyllowrye (64) | iiij s. | vj d. |

[Collectors fees 5s.]

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(63) The bailiff of the Earl of Shrewsbury. This is the earliest mention I have met with of Barker Pool. The Pool was reconstructed or improved by Robt. Rollinson, a mercer in the Market place, who died in 1631, and continued to be a public reservoir till the latter part of the last century. John Wesley preached with his back against Barker's Pool wall. Entries in connection with the Pool are frequent in these accounts. See "Reminiscences of Old Sheffield," page 262.

(64) Was this the first time Sheffield had set up a pillory? A story is told in "Chambers' Book of Days," v. 1, p. 832, of a man in Queen

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| Itm pd to the form' of the Quest for to amend the Pynffold | iij s. ix d. |
| Itm to the Constable & iiij men for goynge to Rotherham before the Collectors | ij s. vj d. |
| Itm pd for vij yerds & a halfe of whyte Carsay for the pypers | x s. |
| [Making and lining the coats 3s. 8d.] | |
| Itm to Henrie Rodes, constable, for to paye the taxe (65) | xlv s. iiij d. |
| Itm pd for his chardges and acquyttanc for the same | xd. |
| Itm to the said Henrie for his chardgs, and v other men goynge to Dancaster before the Comyssioners | v s. ix d. |
| Itm paid to Christoffer Page, for tymber towardes the makinge of the pyllowrye | ij s. viij d. |
| Itm pd to Henrie Swyfte for the dynners of the Sembley Quest, 1572 | iiij s. iiij d. |
| Itm for wrytinge their verdytt | xij d. |
| Itm for ꝓyveinge in their verdytt | xij d. |
| Itm pd to Wm. Dyker and Jôhne Greave for makinge the nare butt in the Sembley grene (66) | vj s. viij d. |

Elizabeth's reign who was condemned to undergo the punishment of the pillory. While doing so the platform on which he stood gave way and left him hanging by the neck in danger of his life. On release he brought an action against the town for the insufficiency of its pillory, and recovered damages. The burgesses of Sheffield may have taken the hint, and got a new one.

(65) Probably the subsidy voted by Parliament in the session of 1571. This Parliament met for the first time 2nd April, and was dissolved 29th May, 1571.

(66) There were two butts for archery set up in the Wicker and maintained by the Burgery: The near butt, and the far butt. The entries relating to them are numerous. There was also a township bow in possession of the Burgery, which

Itm pd to Wm. Wormalle for mending of Shere brydge the xxv daye of Juene ix s.
Itm pd to Bate wyffe for mosse to the same brydge x d.
Itm pd for v peckes of lyme x d.
Som' chardes payd, v li. xiij s. viij d.
[Seven rents in arrear, 18s. 4d.]
Put into the purse iiij li. v d.
There was in the purse 49s. £6. 9s. 5d.
Total remaining in the purse £6. 9s. 5d.
And received synce of Edwarde Hyll for the arrerrage of John Hyll his grandfather xxxvj s.
Som'a tot'is in the purse viij li. v s. vd.

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1572.—Thos. Skargell and James Haldsworth, collectors from Mydsomer 1572 and ending at Xmas in the aforesaid year.

[Total rental £7. 13s. 4d.]

Firste payd to Willm Wormall for wallinge of Barker powle and for

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occasionally had a new string at the cost of one penny. Every parish was bound to keep up common butts. The Rotherham feoffees had charge of the butts of that town. In Toulmin Smith's "Parish," p, 520, note, it is said "Every parish in the land is bound by law to have its butts, to be used for the wholesome recreation of the inhabitants. This which is the ancient law was re-declared by 3 Hen. VIII., c. 3, and 33 Hen. VIII., c. 9. It was one of regular articles of periodical inquiry. 'If the inhabitants of the town (parish) have made and continued their butts as they ought to do, and if they exercise themselves with long bows in shooting at the same, and elsewhere, on the holidays and other times convenient.' The reader will remember how, at the siege of the castle, in Ivanhoe, Walter Scott, true to popular habits, and therefore using natural similies, makes 'the men complain that they can nowhere show themselves, but they are the mark for as many arrows as a parish butt on a holy-day even.'"

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| geyttinge of ye stone to ye same the vth daye of August | xv s. ij d. |
| Itm pd to Thomas Ffysher for leadinge ix loods of stonne to ye same | iij s. ix d. |
| Itm payd to Willm Dykar for feyinge of the same powle (67) | ij s. iiij d. |
| Itm pd to Robte Grenewood for a bolt of yron and a locke to the same | vj d. |
| Itm payd to Willm Dyker for mending of the Butt in ye Wycker | xij d. |
| Itm to Thomas Creswyke for a shotle to Barkers Powle | vj d. |
| Itm payd for vij yerds and halfe of whyte carsaye for ye waytes | x s. |
| Itm for Lyttinge of ye same cootes | xxij d. |
| Itm paid to Robte Rawlinson for making of ye same coats and ij badges | iij s. viij d. |
| Itm for their ffees | v s. |
| Itm payd to the xij men for their Dynners of the Sembley quest and ye wryter | iiij s. iiij d. |
| Itm for gyvinge in their verdytt | xij d. |
| Itm for ye wryter | xij d. |
| Itm pd to ye constables for yeir charges to ye muster and for ye wrytinge | ij s. viij d. |

Som'a of ye chardges payd lij s. ix d.

Rents in arrear xxiiij s. xi d, namely:—

Willm Heathecoat, Charles Hobson, John Brokesbanckes wiffe, George Kendalle, Robt. Rodger. The sayd Robert for a garden stedd; Wm. Dekenson for the Taverne

(67) Feying means cleaning out. The word is still heard occasionally in Hallamshire. These entries about Barker Pool show that it was carefully enclosed, and locked up to avoid the fouling of the water. The shuttle was for letting off the water when need required.—(See Mr. Roberts's recollections—"Old Sheffield," p. 262.)

stayre. The Shamble house, Wm. Taylear, Thomas Spenser for his smithie, John Davye.

So Rents de claro of yis. yeres Reconinge iij li. xv s. viij d.

whereof

Paid to James Haldsworthe wiffe for the Dynner of the Burgesses being xx p'sones aft'r iiij d. ye p'sone the same daye yt they made their Reconinge vj s. viij d.

Itm pd to Richarde Robert for wrytinge this Reconinge xviij d.

Itm to Nich'as Grym'e for takinge paynes iiij d.

Som'e viij s. vi d.

So remes de claro of this yeres Recon'g iij l. vij s. iij d.

An' Recd. of Robt Rodger for arreages long synce iij s.

And in the purse of the last yere Remens viij li. v s. v d. whereof was paid for ye taxe xlvj s. viij d. vi li. xviij s. ix d.

Som'e in toto ix li. ix s.

Whereof taken as followeth in the other side

Robert Bawre and Robert Stannyeforth are appoynted Collectors for ye Burgerye.

Taken forth of that ix li. ix s. which Remened in the foote of the last Reconinge by thands of Nich'as Stannyforthe James Haldsworth Robte Bawre and Richard Hale and others the som'e of xx s. the xix daye of Novembr 1573 which was Delyveryd to George Moore for and co'ceringe the suete of the Burgerye at Yorke xx s.

Item taken forth of the saide ix li. ix s. more the some of xxvj s. viij d. by the same burgesses to and for the use of Mendinge or Repayringe the Ladye

brydge which was dd to Robte Stannyforth to dysburse y seyd xxvj s. viij s.

Som'e xlvj s. viij d.

Whereof

Was spent and dysbursed by George Moore in the traveys and suet of Lawe at Yorke as appeareth by his bylles which are putt into the common cheste and that which he Rec' the some of (68) xi s. iiij d.

Itm pd by Robte Stannyforth of that wh' he rec' firste to John Longeley the Mason for workinge at ye Ladye brydge xiij s. iiij d.

Itm pd to Anthonye Hebbert and George Chalnor for workinge and makinge some of the tymber worke for the said Brydge xij s.

Som'e totalis dysbursed xxxvj s. viij d.

and

So remains of yt xlvj s. viij d. wh' was taken forth of ye purse the som'e of x s.

and

All that rests in the purse is vij li. xij s. iiij d.

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Apud Sheffield, an'o dm'i, 1573.—Robert Bawer and Robert Stannyforth, collectors for the year beginning Mydsommer, 1573, and ending Xmas an'o p'd'o.

[The collectors are charged with £9. 7s. 2d., including two fines on leases and some arrears.]

Whereof

Payd by the sayd collectors as hereafter followeth:

Ffirst payd the xxvith day of

(68) The burgesses seem to have had some litigation going on at York for several years. I have not been able to learn any particulars.

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| June to James Haldsworth wyffe for the Burgesses dynners | iij s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Hughe Strea wyffe the vj daye of August for bread and ale for iij draughts which broughte tymber to the Ladye Brydge | | vj d. |
| Itm to Robert Harteley for charying one Loode of Tymb'r, the same daye | | xx d. |
| Itm payd to John Smythe and Richarde Jowles for gatheringe of stone one daye | | xvj d. |
| Itm pd the same daye to Alexand'r Lume and Richarde Dune for bayringe the same stones | | xij d. |
| Itm to Johne Langeley and his man the xvjth daye of Auguste for xij daies worke to the sayd Brydge | xj s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd the same daye to James Haldsworth wyffe for a mett of Lyme | | xij d. |
| Itm to Robte Bawer for viij metts of Lyme | viij s. | |
| Itm pd the xvjth of Auguste for overseeinge to the workefolke and brynginge the lyme to the Brydge | ij s. | |
| Itm payd for Dryncke to some of the Burgesses when they went about the Towne to look for the Townshipe harnes | | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to John Wrighte the ix daye of October for one Jacke for to serve the Towne if nede require | v s. | viij d. |
| Itm pd ye xxth daye of October owte of the Burgery Rent to make up my Lords cheife Rent (69) | iij s. | vj d. |

(69).—See note on the Lord's chief rent. If the amount collected did not yield the required

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| Itm pd to Thomas Skargell for iij trees towards the mending of the sayd brydge the xxth of October | viij s. | |
| Itm pd for a bowe string to the townshipe bowe | | jd. |
| Itm pd to George More the xviijth of November for his firste goinge to Yorke aboute the suyte of the burgerye which he spent there as by his billes doth appeare | xx s. | |
| Itm pd the xxt daye of December to Willm Wormmald and Thomas Hawke for wallinge the Litle Brydge on this syde the Ladye brydg (70) | v s. | viij d. |
| Itm pd to George Moore at his secounde tyme goynge to Yorke aboute the sayd suete vj s. viij d. whereof he spent there | v s. | |
| Itm pd for the dynners of the xij men of the Sembley Quest and for puttinge their verdytt into my Lordes courte and for the wrytinge thereof the xxviij daye of Aprell 1574 | vij s. | ij d. |
| Itm pd to one for charyinge a Letter to Edlington to bringe olde Johne Shemeld to Sheffelde the xjth of Maye (71) | | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to the said Johne Shemeld for his chardges cominge to Sheffelde at the same tyme | ij s. | |
| Itm pd to James Haldsworth wyffe | | |

£2. 15s. 2½d. it had to be made up out of the general fund.

(70).—I don't quite understand this. Were there two bridges side by side, or was there a little bridge over the cut or goit by the Lady's bridge?

(71).—John Shemeld probably belonged to Sheffield, and had been sent on according to the Act from constable to constable.

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| for the Dynners of the Burgesses the xjth of Maye | vj s. | |
| Itm pd to Johne Lee for a Steke for the watcheman at the Ladye Brydge the iij Daye of Ffebruarye | | viij d. |
| It pd to the Swynnarde | | xvj d. |
| Itm to Robert Bawer for gatheringe the Rent this yeare | v s. | |
| Itm pd to Richarde Robertes for wrytinge ij Rentalls | | viij d. |
| Itm pd to Anthonye Hebbert for Dressinge the Tymber towardes the mendinge of the brydge | ij s. | |
| Itm pd to Nich'as Gryme for goyingefor Mr Ffenton ij soundry tymes | | x d. |
| Itm pd to Johne Lansclette for goyinge forthe of his howse | iiij s. | |
| Itm pd to Johne Townenend at the same tyme for goyinge forthe of the same house | vj s. | viij d. |
| Itm pd to Johne Bullas for Leadinge ij Loades of Tymber from Skargell Clause at Brightsyde for mendinge of the Ladye Brydge | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm pd for breade and ale for the Burgesses tennantes for bayring of Tymber to the Brydge ij severall tymes | | xx d. |
| Itm given to poore Oates wife, wyddowe, beinge verye sycke and almost famyshed for lacke of foode to her selfe and her children | | xvj d. |
| Itm paid more to Wormewell, for mendinge of the Little bridge, near unto the Ladye bridge | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Robert Stanyforth for mendinge and makinge of a gavelocke wh was broken at | | |

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| the Ladye Brydge when yt was Repayred | | iiij d. |
| Itm pd Robert Bawer for Dryncke yt he had payd for | | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Nic'has Gryme for taking paynes and going for the Burgesses | | xij d. |
| Itm pd to Godfrey Whylde wyffe for the Dynners of the Burgesses when they made this Reconinge | vj s. | |
| Itm payd to Richard Roberts for wrytinge up this Reconinge | | xviij d. |
| Itm pd for Drincke at o'r Recoing' | | iiij d. |
| Som'e pay xviij s. vj d. | | |
| Som'e tolis Dysbursed | vj li. | xiij s. vij d. |
| And so resteth of this yeres Recoinge | | liij s. vij d. |
| Whereof | | |
| Unpaid rents [particulars given] | | xxvj s. vj d. |
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| Was delyveryd to George Moore upon a Reco'inge towards the suet at the Syttinge holden at Yorke the vijth of June, 1574 | | xxvij s. j d. |

William Skargell (72) and Robert Stannyfforth are elected and chosen to be the rent gatherers and collectors for this yeare followinge.

Complett.

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Harnes boughte of Willm Graye, my lordes man, for the use of ye Towne Remay'inge in their mens hands followinge (73).

In James Haldsworth custodie a corslett, viz., a bresteplate, a backe pece, and a head

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(72). Apparently the eldest son of Thomas Scargell, the late collector, he having perhaps grown too infirm to perform the duties of his office.

(73).—The town is here seen buying arms and armour of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and taking the signature of the burgesses into whose hands the different articles are entrusted. James Halds worth or Hawldworth seems to have been the only one of the three able to write his name.

pece, and a morrys pyke head this daye the xxiijth of Maye, 1576.

[Signed] James Hawldworth.

In Willm Elles handes the same daye a callyver, a burganett, a flape, and a twche boxe. [Signed with a mark.]

Itm in Edward Hellyefeld handes, ij jackes and a sallett, ij stele cappes, a bawe, and a sheaffe of arrowes, and a payre of Splentes and xxvij cheynes. [Not signed.]

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Apud Shefeld, 1574.—22o Maii, an'o R. Reg. Eliz., xviij no. A Reconinge taken there by Willm Deckenson (74), Bayliffe, and the rest of the Burgesses of Robert Stannyforth and Willm Skargell, collectors, from Mydsomr., 1574.

[Collectors charged with £7. 15s. 8d.]

Payd by the sayd Collectors as ffolloweth:—

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| Imp'ms payd for the chardges of the constable and James Haldworth goyinge to Connysbroughe to the Queene's Comyssonr | xiij d. |
| It pd to Thomas Leavr for a speare heade, and for hookes to hange up the harnes | xx d. |
| It pd to Ric Robts for wryting three Rentalls and other wrytting | xvj d. |

(74). By the term "Bayliffe," I understand William Deckenson to have been Lord Shrewsbury's Bailiff of Hallamshire. A Gilbert Deckinson was in the service of the Earl of Shrewsbury, 1585. (See Gatty's Hunter, p. 97.) A pew in Ecclesfield Church was assigned by Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, to Gilbert Dickinson and his wife, in 1601. (Gatty's Hunter, p. 437.) John Deckenson was one of the wardrobe men of Lord Shrewsbury, who, on the 18th June, 1582, made an inventory of the Household Stuff at Sheffield Castle and Sheffield Lodge. (Coll. Arms, Talbot Papers, G 150.)

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|---|---|---|
| It pd to Rowlenson for iij yerds and dd. of carsey for ye waytes | v s. | x d. |
| It'd to Fayrebancke for iij yerds iij q'ters of carsey for ye same | v s. | vij d. |
| Itm pd to Wood wiffe for dyeing of ye half of ye same | | xix d. |
| Itm pd to Rowlinson for making of ye sayd ij Pypers' coates | ij s. | vj d. |
| Itm pd to Wm Clarke ye forman of ye Sembley quest for to gyve their verdytt in | | xij d. |
| Itm pd to Wm Dycker for making the buttes | v s. | |
| Itm pd to Nichas Gryme for gathing ye tennants to gether | | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to Wm Wormal for settinge stones at ye brydg | iij s. | iiij d. |
| Itm pd to Wm Skargell and Robt Stannyforth for gathering ye Rents | v s. | |

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[1575. Collector, Robert Stannyforth
Total rental, £7. 15s. 8d.]

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| Payd to the clarke of ye market | xij s. | |
| Itm for so much Dancks (75) yron for to make a yerd wand | | vij d. |
| Itm pd to Wm Lee for making a fleake (76) for ye watchman | | viij d. |
| It to Thomas Rease for mending ye stockes (77) | | vj d. |
| It'd to Wm Wormall for walling at ye brydg | | viij d. |
| Itm pd ye chardges of ye Constable | | |

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(75). Dansic iron.
(76.) Fleake. Qy., a tuft.
(77.) The stocks and pillory stood near the church gates, facing down High street. The stocks were removed into Paradise square, where the remains might be seen not many years ago. (See Reminiscences of Old Sheffield, pp. 2, 3, 64.)

and iiij men goying to Bolton for ye Subseydie (78) ij s. x d.
It'd spent at Rotheran about the same Subseydie ij s.
It' allowed for the gaythringe to ye sayd Collector v s.
Som pd and disbursed xxiiij s. iij d.
Rents in arrear £3. 12s. 4d.
Remains clear ready money £2. 19s. 1d.

George More.

Itm George Moore were chardged w'th that xxvijs. jd. appearant in the boke before and received more oute of ye purse by ye Delyverie of ye Burgesses in both the sum of iiij li. xiij s. ix d.
Whereof he payd and dysburssed aboute ye chardges of ye suite as appearyd his bylls the sm lviij s. ix d.
And so Remeyned of ye sayd moneye wh he payd the daye above sayd and ys Dyscharchardged of all his former Recconinges the som of xxxv s.
Sm to'tis of all ye money Remeynige ys x li. xiiij s. vij d. whereof was paid to Jo Bower vj d. to Nich'as Gryme vj d. and Ric Robte vj d. The rest beinge x li. xiij s. j d. was put into ye purse the xvijth of Maye 1576 x li. xiij s. j d.

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(78.) In the second session of Queen Elizabeth's fourth Parliament the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved, on the 10th Feb., 1575, for a subsidy, and two fifteenths and tenths to be paid at several times. The bill was read a third time 27th Feb., and sent to the Lords. (See Commons Journals.) The town paid £4. 10s. 8d., as will be seen from a subsequent entry.

George Moore the collector for the yeare following, 1576.

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| Itm payd furth of the whoole chardges before written being x li. xiij s. j d. for to paye for two taxes the one being payd the xxixth daye of Julye, 1576, xlv s. iiij d., and for the other taxe was payd the iiijth of Aprell, 1577. xlv s. iiij d. all which was payd to George Moore the daies above sayd, the which I the said George Moore acknoledge my selfe to have receaved as before | iiij li. | x s. | viij d. |
| So restethe in the purse de claro of the accoumpte the juste som of | iij li. | ij s. | v d. |

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1577. [George Moore collector.]

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| Itm. payde to Thomas Horner for the amerceament of the pynfulde (79) | iij s. | iiij d. | |
| Itm payde to Willm Slacke to gyue to Turner for waulinge of the pynfulde | ij s. | | |
| Itm payde for carryinge of Hobson to Yorke | x s. | | |
| Itm payde to Edwarde Helyfeld for his chardges and iiij men of the Towne goinge to Cunsborre | ijs. | iiij d. | |
| m payde to the Quenes com'is-Itsoners forfeture of not werynge of cappes (80) | x s. | | |

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(79.) The pinfold has long since disappeared but the locality in which it was placed is kept in memory by the name Pinfold street.

(80.) An Act for making and wearing of hats and caps was passed 18 Dec., 1566. It was an attempt to revive the English cap trade, and enforced the wearing of hats and caps on Sundays and holidays, under a penalty of 3s. 4d. per day.

Itm for the settynge forthe of a lame body oute of the towne xij d.

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Thomas Swallowe is chosen to be Rente gatherer for this year followynge 1578. [George Moore collector charged with £7. 5s. 10d.]

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Itm paid to Lee for makinge the pynfolde Doore and for bordes ix d.
Itm to Robte Stannyforthe for a Locke to ye Doore ij d.
Itm to Clark for a hespe and a staple iij d.

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Itm the constable chardges for carrynge ij prysoners to my Lord Darcy vj d.

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Itm gyven to Cowpers wife towards the bringinge of her son to London xij d.

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James Haldsworth is appoynted collector for this yere followinge.

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1579.—[James Haldsworth collector charged with vij li. iij s. viij d.]

Firste payd by the said collector to George Swyfte for a daye worke and his ij men at Sheare bryge the xxiiijth Daye of August, 1578 ijs. ijd.
It payd to Thomas Cooke for a fleake for ye watcheman at ye newe brydge vj d.

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It pd to Graye for Dressing of a

Corslett (81) & a Calyver (82) the xvjth of Aprell ij s. vi d.

It to Richard Bate for Dressing a payre of splents and a Sallett & for oyling them and ye Corslett & ye head pece ye xviij of Aprell 1579 xxd.

It pd to ye Dykers for mending ye narr butt in ye Wecker ij s. iiij d.

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Spent in Drinck at this Reconge made this third of June 1579 xij d.

James Haldsworth is appoynted Collector for this yeare following 1579

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1580. [James Haldsworth collector charged with £6. 2s. 8d ]

First gyven to Anne Shawe and Anne Broxsoppe towardes their apparrell when they went to London (83) x s.

Itm to Edward Hellyefeld to sett a Roog furth of ye Towne (84) viij d.

It pd to Athye Bayliffe of Strafford Fee for the tray'ing of Salgyers (85) xiij s. x d.

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(81) A cuirass or armour to protect the body, formerly worn by pikemen in England. In 1558 it was enacted that all persons having an income of £1000 or upwards should, with other descriptions of armour, keep 40 corslets.

(82) A hand gun or musket.

(83) These may have been poor women who went up to Court to be touched by the Queen for King's evil. It was not unusual to help persons under such circumstances. The Rotherham Feoffees' accounts records several payments for this purpose. For instance, "John Copley towardes his charges to London to get help for the Kinge's evill" (1634). See also the entry below of payment to Lawrence Bareley.

(84) To send a rogue out of the town.

(85) The Bailiff of Strafford fee, who was responsible for the training of soldiers within his jurisdiction or wapentake.

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|---|---|---|
| It to George Moore for minding the pynfold | | iij d. |
| It to Helleyfeld to carry a lame man to the next Constable | | viij d. |
| It to Nich'as Atkinson for minding Wyddaw Malton house | | vj d. |
| It to Lawrence Bareley towardes the chardges to carrye his boy up to London | ij s. | |
| It pd to ye Com'issioners for hattes and cappes | vj s. | viij d. |
| It pd for a yerd and di of Redd flammall for ye pypers coat | xij s. | vj d. |
| It for Lyeing to ye same coat | ij s. | |
| It paid to Twigg for making of the sayd coat | | xvj d. |
| It to Rollenson for a badg for the same coate | | vj d. |
| It pd to Wm & Nich'as Atkinson for paving at the Newebridg & for getting of stones to ye same brydg in Brighouse banck | xiiij s. | iiij d. |
| It pd to Johne Shemeld for leading of five loades of stone from Brighouse banck to ye sayd bridg | ij s. | vj d. |
| It for certen men which helped to loade ye same stones for breade and ale | | iiij d. |
| It to Ed. Sponer for shaveling the same bridg | | ij d. |
| It to Dyker wiffe for mosse to laye the stones at ye sayd bridg (86) | | j d. |
| It pd for carrying of certain reoges [rogues] to Rotheram | ij s. | |
| It pd to Edward Hellyefeld to gyve Smith ye pyper at his departure | | xij d. |
| It pd to him for carying of ij pykes to Barnsley | | xvj d. |

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(86) The use of moss in building operations is often mentioned, both in these accounts and in those of the Feoffees of Rotherham. Can any one explain it? Mr. Guest's suggestion that it was for covering roofs will not apply in this case.

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| Item pd to Thomas Cooke for dytching and hedging and for making and setting a gate at ye Cuttering Clough head | | xv d. |
| Itm to ye constables when they went before ye Com'issioners at ye muster | | xx d. |
| It to Ed. Hillyefeld for setting a prysoner to Yorke | | viij d. |
| It to him and Craven in goying to Mr. Wentworth (87) | | viij d. |
| It to olde Atkenson being very syck | | xij d. |
| It to Johne Reades for making of ye cook stoole [cuck stool] | v s. | |
| It to Johne Yates for irons at the same cuck stoole | | xij d. |
| Itm pd for a cheane, ij lockes and staples to ye same | | xiij d. |
| Itm pd to Edward Hellyefeld for carryeing a glasyer to Worsseppe | | xiiij d. |
| Itm to ye collector for gathering ye yeres rent | ij s. | vi d. |
| Sm tot'lis of theis chardges iiij li. | xiiij s. | viij d. |
| Item payd more to Wm. Graye for mendinge the harnes belonging to ye towne | v s. | |
| Item gyven to Edwerd Hellyefeld for his paynes taking in over seeing ye Brydg when it was amending | | xij d. |
| Item to Richarde Robtes for wryting ye verdyct & paynes for the Sembley quest [at Easter, 1580] | | xi jd. |
| Sm tolis payd v li. xx d. | | |
| & so remains de claro | xxj s. | |

(87) Probably Thomas Wentworth, of Wentworth Woodhouse, grandfather of Thomas, Earl of Strafford. He was son and heir of Wm. Wentworth, who died 4th Dec., 1549. Thos. W. died 14th Feb., 1587, and was buried at Wentworth. He married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir Wm. Gascoigne of Gawthorpe.

Ye harnes being one Corslett & a spayre head remes with Wm Graye and ye Callyver & all yt belonges to yt Remens in thands of Johne Yates constable. Was payd to Willm Graye my Lordes Armarer the xviij th of Januarye 1580 for a Corslett price xxxiij s. iiij d. & for ij Calyvers the same daye foure markes with all their furneyteure in toto iiij li. vj s. viij d.

It there was payd the vjth of Sept 1580 for a Corslett & ij pykes xxxv s. viijd.

Remains in the purse 18th Jan. 1580 [i.e. 1581 £11. 9s. 8d.

Whereof

Payde for the furnishinge of ii souldiors the xxviijth of January iiij li xvij s. iij d

Taken oute of the purse the xxiij of Maye 1581 by Mr. Baylife, James Hauldsworth, Robte Stanyforthe George Moore & Edward Helyfelde constable xlv s. iiij d. to paye for the Quenes m'te taxe and delivered to Edwerde Helyfelde (88)

And so resteth iiij li vij s.

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(88) On the 25th January, 1580-1, the third session of the 4th Parliament of Elizabeth was opened. The Chancellor of the Exchequer "very eloquently, gravely, and wisely" showed that the Queen had spent all the contribution last voted te her and half as much more besides. He referred to the attempts and practices of the Pope, to the late rebellion in the North parts and in Ireland, and spoke of the necessity "to have and prepare sufficient force and strength to prevent and meet with any attempt offered either at home or abroad, by sea or by land," and on these grounds asked for further supplies. The House of Commons granted one subsidy, and two-fifteenths and tenths, and

1581.—[William Skargell, collecter. Rental, £5. 15s. 8d; total debit, £6. 9s. 8d.]

Fyrst paid to Adam Gyll for the carrying of ye constable's letters to York xiiij d.

Itm gyven to Mr Pavye by the appointment of Mr Bayliff and other the Burgesses vj d.

Itm gyven to ye constables for to gyve to a poore blynd man who had the Quenes Ltrs patent (89) vj d.

Itm pd to James Haldsworth for a yard and dd of Redd flannell to make the Waytes coat agaynst Christenmas xiiij s. iiij d.

[Lining 20d.; buttons, badge, lyning, &c., 3/8; making, 16d.]

Itm dd to Johne Yates to bayre ye Soulgiers charges to Dancast'r v s.

[Various entries about souldiers charges and looking after the Town harness.]

Itm to Tho Cook for hedging at Cuttering Clough and for a yate to be sett there to kepe the swyne forth of ye Lane xij d.

Itm payd to Edward Hallyefeld for carrying an acquittanc to Rotherham iiij d.

Itm payd to Nichas Atkinson & Tho Hawk for getting wall stone to mende ye lyttle brydg at Castell grene & for walling ye same viij s.

[Various other charges about the bridge. Atkinson & Hawk also pd 16d. for getting stone and walling the pinfold.]

Payd to Johne Bowre for wrytinge the Bylls of ye p'sentmentes of

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was prorogued on the 24th April. It would be for the payment of these taxes that 45s. 4d. was taken out of the purse 23rd May, 1581.

(89) That is letters patent authorising him to beg within a given district.

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| ye subseydie | iiij d. |
| & gyven to Edward Pavye | iiij d. |

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1583 [Wm Skargell collector rental £11. 11s. 4d.]

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| Itm recd of Johne Collye (90) of ye p'she of Ecclesfeld junior for a Corsselett yt was p'tay'ing to our Towne & solde for xxxij s. at Eastr 1583 | xxxij s. | |
| Payd to Hellyefeld ye Constable for setting watch and warde the spac of ix weekes endyd in Julye 1583 (91) | | xiij s. iiij d. |

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1585. [Ffrannces Braye, collector, debited with £20. 5s. 0d.]

Chardges in 1583.

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|---|---|---|
| First payd to Wm Twygg for his chardges goying w'th a prysoner to Yorke in ano 1583 | x s. | |
| It payd for a sheet to a wynde a poore boye yt Dyed in ye Towne | | xij d. |
| It dd to Ed Hellyefeld for to gyve to Wood wyfe when she and her sone Gilbett were syck | | xviij d. |
| It payd to Hellyefeld ye constable for carryeing a poore and lame woman by to ye constab'e of Norton | | xviij d. |

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It dd to Hellyefeld to paye to

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(90) John Colley was of Southey, in par. Ecclesfield. His daughter and co-heir Elizabeth married Edward Dicconson, whose d. and h. Elizabeth Dicconson married William Hoole, of Crookes.

(91) Probably in connection with the captivity of the Queen of Scots, then at Sheffield Castle. During May and June, Sir Walter Mildmay and Mr. Robert Beale were joined with the Earl of Shrewsbury, as commissioners to negotiate a treaty with the Queen of Scots, but their negotiations, like so many others, came to nothing.

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| Graye wiff for that her husband dyd dress ye Towne harnes | iij s. |
| It gyven to Hyne wiff and Glover wiff when th'r children went up to London | vj s. viij d. |
| It dd to Wm Newebold for to gyve lame woman yt had a Testimonial for carryadg to ye next constable | ij s. |
| It payd to Nichas Gee for makeing ye Towne Buttes in ye Wycker | v s. |
| (Entry about Sembly quest.) | |
| It dd to Hellyefeld to bayre his chardges to Pomfrett before ye Comissioners | ij s. |
| It dd to ye same Hellyefeld for to paye the Towne assessement to ye Quenes purveyers (92) and 1583 | v s. |

(92) The Crown exercised an ancient right to demand provisions and transport for the court and its servants. Hallam, the historian, writing of the first Parliament of James I., says:—"The two principal grievances were purveyance and the incidents of military tenure. The former had been restrained by no less than 36 statutes, as the Commons assert in a petition to the King; in spite of which the impressing of carts and carriages and the exaction of victuals for the King's use, at prices far below the true value, and in quantity beyond what was necessary, continued to prevail under authority of Commissioners from the Board of Green Cloth, and was enforced in case of demur or resistance by imprisonment under their warrant. The purveyors, indeed, are described as living at free quarters upon the country, felling woods without the owners' consent, and commanding labour with little or no recompense." This royal privilege was abolished along with feudal tenures, and many other burdens in the reign of Charles II., when an excise on beer was substituted.

It gyven to Wyddaw White when she laye syck xij d.
And ye lyke to Wm Treppett xij d,
It dd to Edward Hellyefeld for to paye to Wolker for dressing of ij Corsseletts and oyle to ye same j d. ij s. j d.
It dd to ye Constables to pay ye chardges for vij harnes men w'th ij s. iiij d.
It for j lb. gone [gun] powder xiiij d.
It for dressing of iij morryons viij d.

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Charges in 1584 * * *

It to Georg Hinchleff for making a iron cheane for the standded mett and mending the same mett xij d.
It gyven to Ringers wh dyd Ring in ye Quenes hollyedaye 1584 (92*a*) xij d.

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It gyven to a poore lame woman yt came from Buxestan vj d.
It dd to Hellyefeld constable for to paye for the taxe in hoc ano 1584 (93) xlv s. iiij d.
And for his acquittanc iiij d.
It dd to the same for to bayre his chardges and one w'th him to be a solgier before my Lo. Darcye xij d.
It more dd to ye same Hellyefeld for and towards ye chardges of setting forth Tho. Alcock as a solg...er into fflanders xiiij s. iiij d.
[Collector's fee 1583 2/6, 1584 2/6.]
chardges for 1585.

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It dd to ye constable for to bayre the chardges of Steaven and

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(92*a*) Nov. 17th. The date of the Queen's accession, popularly known as "Queen Elizabeth's day." It was usually made a popular holiday and a day of great rejoicing.

(93) Same amount was paid 23 May, 1581. See note 88,

Wm. Taylor yt went to Yorke wth John Hobson and Nichas. Twigg as ffellons in Februry, 1585 xij s. viij d.

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Was gyven to Edward Hellyefeld for ij weeks wachinge to ye Towne when ye plague was in Doncaster ye last yere iij s. vjd.

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Three years ended 1588. John Sheldon and Richard Roberts, collectors. Total charged £30. 17s. 8½d.

Itm payd towardes ye Releife of ye visyted people of Rotheram ye same xxvth of Aprell (94) iiij s.

It takin furth ye vijth of Oct 1587 and delyvered to ffraunces Braye (95) to by ij corsselettes and iij pykes at London iij li. vj s. viij d.

It payd for ye Quenes p'vision ye vijth of April 1586 v s.

and ye acquyttance and ye constable his dynner vj d.

It mending ye Butt in ye Wyckr at Easter 1586 ij s.

It gyven to a poore woman ye vijth of Aprill 1586 ij s.

It to Ric Smith for a wynding sheet for Wm P'ken ij s.

[Mending Sheath bridge—To Rotherham before commissioners about the subsedy]

It gyven to EdwardHellyefeld Junr when he went to dwell att London ij s.

It to Hellyefeld ye constable to paye his chardges at Rotheram when he went with a p'cept to ye high constable iiij d.

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(94) Rotherham was probably visited with the Plague, as Doncaster seems to have been the year before.

It gyven to ye Ringers on ye Quene's holly daye, 1586 — v s.

It gyven to a poore woman yt came from London yt was gott wth child wth Ed. B — ij s.

It payd to Robt Lee for goinge to my Lo. Darcye in ye night — viij d.

It payd to ye Baylye for thassement towards repyring — ij s. vj d.

It payd to Hellyefeld for wrytinge all the names of ye Brewers in ye Towne — iiij d.

It pd to Wilson for mending ye Stocks — viij d.

It pd to Rich Shawe for making a payre of gym for ye sd Stockes (94*a*) — vij d.

[Dinners of sembly quest, 1587, 7s. 6d.]

It gyven to Wm. Shemelde ye constable towardes the buryeing of a poore man that dyd at ye coale pyttes — ij s. vij d.

[Leading stone to pinfold and Barker pool, mending do. and the Town butt in the Wycker at Easter, 1587.]

It payd to Beighton (?) for making the shutle and setting in ye shutle stack at ye Barker pool and making ye Pynfold doare — xx d.

[A claspe, a hespe, and a staple for the Pinfold door, 8d.]

Itm for makinge ye Stocks newe to Wilkinson — iiij s. x d.

It to Hinchcliffe for making ye hespes and staples for ye said stocks — iij s.

It to Edwd. for bringing wth his draughts ye said stocks from his house to Sheff'd — xiiij d

It dd to Wm Shemeld to paye towardes ye chardges in setting forth a solgier — ix s. iiij d.

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(94*a*) Probably gimmers or hinges.

It gyven to Ed Elles a poore boy when he went to dwell in iij s, iiij d.
It gyven to poore Bower wiff for the Releving of her poore children vj d.
It to Lawrance Hobson for bringij corsselettes from London v s. vj d.
It to Ffrances Braye (95) yt he payd to a porter for carrying ye same corsselettes vj d.
It gyven to Wm Selvester (96) for to paye for a wynding sheet for John Goddeyre xij d.
It dd to Wm Skargell to gyve to a poore wench of Crosebyes going to s'vic (97) xij d.
[entrie about sembly quest and repairing Town butt]
It gyven to Tho Poole wiffe towards her chardges in goinge to London to her husband ye xxi Jany ij s. vj d.

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The charges of Rich Bradley and Tho Nawle, constables, this xxiiij of Jany, 1588 (98)
First they are to be chardged with xxiij s. ij d. that they Recd of Wm Shemeld and Malyn Stacye ye constables before them xxiij s. ij d.

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(95) Son of Thomas Braye, see Note No. 1.

(96) 1593. Feb. 29. Will of William Selvester, of Sheffield, yeoman. To be buried in the Parish Church of Sheffield. Mentions Elizabeth Selvester, my wife; Thomas Selvester, my servant; and Ann, his wife.

(97) Similar assistance was given by the Feoffees of Rotherham to girls going into service. For instance: "1626. Item for 4 yards and a qr. of gray clothe for a cote for Ellen Greaves daughter being to goe to service, as shee then alleadged 7s. 6d."

(98) Here we have some accounts of the Constables entered in the book of the Burgesses accounts.

It they Recd for the first laye or cessement that was levyed in ye Towne 1588 v li. viij s. ij d.
It they Recd of ye ij leye or cesment in ye Towne for anno 1588 xj li. xviij s. viij d.
Sm tts xviij li. x s.
whereof
was payd for harnes and for solgiers and setting them forth for her Maj'tes service in ano ye some of xvi li. xij s. vj d. above and besides xj li. & dd money that was payd by Malyn Stacye & Wm Shemeld ye constables before them in ye like service. I saye payd xvj li. xij s. vj d.
& so remains xxxvij s. vj d. which ye sayd ij constables dyd paye unto Mr Bayliff & ye rest of ye Burgesses this xxiiij of January 1588
Sma' to'lis remayning of ye accompt this xxiiijth of Janary 1588 xiij li xij s. ij d.
Whereof
was gyven to ye sayd ij constables for to paye for ye Taxe at Rotheram this xxiiijth of Jany 1588 yet is in their hands xlv s. iiij d.
It gyven to Gilbert Spencer beinge verye sicke and poore ij s.
It to Alexander ye Bellman vj d.
Sm. xlvij s. x d.
and
So rests in ye purse this xxiiij Januy xi li. iiij s. iiij d.
Md. that Mr. Bayliffe (99) is chosen ye collector for ye next yeare. and that this Recg. shall be yearlye made ye iiij of Januarye 1588

(99) William Dyckenson the Bailiff of Hallamshire as representing the Earl of Shrewsbury.

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1589-90. Wm. Dyckenson, bayliffe, of Sheffield, Collector, for two years ended Martinmas, 1590. This xijth of Maye, 1592 [? 1].

[Collector charged with £29. 17s. 8d.]

Whereof was paid as followeth:—

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|---|---|
| First payd for a taxe to her Ma'tie ye xxiiijth of November, 1589 | xlv s. iiij d. |
| It more paid for another taxe due to her Ma'tie the xvjth of December, 1590 | xlv s. iiij d. |
| It payd to John Longley for mending the Ladye Bridge in July, 1590 | xl s. |
| It to Nichas Atkenson for mending ye wall at the Sheathe Brydge, 1589 | xiij s. iiij d. |
| It to Henry Morton for helping him at ye same iij daies | xviij d. |

[Some other entries about the bridge, the sembly quest, 1589, 1590, 1592. Repairing town butt iij last yeares, ended Easter, 1592.

| | |
|---|---|
| It payd ye chardges for carrying a fellon to York called Richard Garenett | x s. |
| It payd to ye constables for ye chardges of them and their solgiers when they went to ye muster at Laughton Moore, ye xxvjth June, 1589 | x s. |
| It gyven to a poore woman called Jane Hall and her child when she went furth of ye Towne | v s. |
| It payd for ye Quenes p'vision viz an'o 1589 vj s. viij d. and in an'o 1590 ix s. viij d. | xvj s. iiij d. |
| It gyven to Poole wiffe when she went to London the xijth of January 1590 | xij d. |
| It gyven to Wm Woodhouse a poore | |

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|---|---|---|
| boye that went up to London ye xvjth of March 1590 | | xij d. |
| It payde to ye Constables for the chardges of ye Salgiers when my Lo dyd take ye muster in ye Castle fold (100) | v s. | |
| It pd to Nichas Gee for mending and poynting ye Markett Crosse and ye Irysh Crosse and for Lyme for ye same an'o 1589 | vj s. | iij d. |
| It pd ye same day [xviijth June 1590] to Robt Whittacker for ij wayne Loades of Lyme to poynt ye Lady Brydg wth iij d. for carryinge yt into ye almes house | xv s. | iij d. |
| It payd to Henrye Steaven for his halfe yeres wages being a Beedle for oure Towne (101) | vj s. | |
| It payd to Wm Atkinson for paving ye Calsey [causeway] agaynst Hinchcliff house 1591 | ij s. | vij d. |
| & to Wm Skargell for leading v Loades of Bulders and sand for ye said Calsey | | xx d. |
| It payd to ye Coronerye for ye fee of iij p'sons that were slayne wth ye fall of . ij Trees that were burned downe at my Lordes funerall ye xiijth of Januarye 1590 (102) | viij s. | |

* Nota.—That this vii js. is to be v s. agayne by ye Constables of Acttcliffe and Darnnall.

George Moore is chosen collector for this yeare following 1592.

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(100) "My lord" here referred to is George, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, who died at Sheffield Manor 18th Nov. 1590.

(101) The Beadle or bellman is an officer still to be seen among us. He is appointed by the Town Trustees, and wears a red livery.

(102) The funeral of George, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury. For an account of the ceremony, which was performed with great pomp, see Gatty's Hunter's Hallamshire, p. 97. The monument of

1592.—The accompt of John Bawer made after his death & whoo was deputie collector of the Burgrie rentes unto George Moore for one whole yeare endyd at M'tymas 1592 this xxiijth of Maye 1593.

[charged with £12. 2s. 11.]

[sundry repairs to bridges &c.]

It to Yowle [Constable] for to bayre his chardges in carrying a young maid to Mr. Rookesbie whoo was suspected of papistre (103) xij d.

[sembly quest 1592—8s. 4d.]

It dd to Tho Yowle to bayre his chardges to Yorke when he went with a papist vij s. and for a halberd iij s. x s.

It to Tho Wilson & George Ludg for Removeing ye pynfolde and stockes & repayring ye Cucke stoole (104) iij s.

It pd for a pec of Tymbr towerdes ye mending of ye said Cuck stoole xij d.

It to George Ludge for getting wallestone to ye pynfolde iij dayes xviij d.

[Other payments for work at the pinfold.]

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this earl stands against the south wall of the Shrewsbury Chapel in Sheffield Parish Church.

(103) There was much activity at this time in enforcing the laws against Roman Catholics. See letters in Lodge's Illustrations of British History, vol. 2, pp. 371-376, giving an account of proceedings by Lord Shrewsbury against Lady Constance Foljambe at Tupton, the Fitzherberts at Padley, and others. With the smaller fry the constables dealt.

(104) Parishes were liable to prosecution if the had no tumbrill and cucking stool. See Toulmin Smith's "Parish," p. 517 note.

The accounts of George More for whole yeare ended Martinmas 1592 as follows, this 23rd Maye 1593.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First payd for sittinge forth of a Solgyer into France | xlvj s. | vj d. |
| Ye chardges of Trayned Salgiers at Rotherham | x s. | |
| It payd towards ye chardges of Morten carrying to Yorke | vj s. | |
| It layd downe towardes ye paying of ye taxe | vj s. | viij d. |
| It gyven to ye constables for ye conveying of a mayde forth of ye Towne yt came from London in tyme of ye plag | | viij d. |
| It to ye constables for ye Quenes ma'te provisions | vj s. | viij d. |
| It to Nichas Gee for mending ye Butt 1591 | | xvj d. |
| It to James Rawson for leading Tymbre for the Sheath brydg | iij s. | iiij d. |

[Several other entries about the bridge.]

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|---|---|---|
| It gyven to a Solgier called . . . house whoo went to France when he came home yt went for Sheffd Ecclesffeld and Bradfeld | vj s. | viij d. |

[Various repairs to the Ladye Bridge.]

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|---|---|---|
| It gyven to Woodroff beinge the Coroner towardes his chardges in comeing to burye olde Jugle wiffe, whoo was slayne with darth (105) | v s. | |
| It payd to Wm Clarke and Wm Ellyeott ye constables this yeare for ye chardges for buryeing old Jugle wiffe who was slayne | ij s. | viij d. |
| It gyven to ye Bellman boye | | iiij d. |

John Wright is collector for ye next yeare.

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(105) Died of starvation. Our social system was not perfect even under the reign of "that bright occidental star, Queen Elizabeth, of most happy memory."

[John Wright collector two years ended Martinmas 1594 charged with £23. 10s. 11d.]

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|---|---|
| First payd to ye coroner for his fee or paynes for ye death of yt maid who fellonyouslie kylled herself by cuttinge of her owne throat at Jo. Creswickes | vij s. |
| It to ye sayd constables for ye chardges in keeping iij theaves and carrying them into Nottinghamshire | xx s. |
| It pd to ye constable at ye death of Nichas Twigg boye yt was drowned | vij s. |
| It pd to Yowle for carryinge a theife to Yorke whoo dyd steale ij heafers from Sawersbie of Brighowses | viij d. |
| Ite to ye sayd Towle for carrying Hepwood destracted forth of ye towne (106) | xij d. |
| It pd to Colborne for goyinge for ye coroner to enquire of ye death of Nichas Harteley his wiff | ij s. |

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[Robert Rollinson collector one year ended Martinmas 1595. Charged with £13. 10s. 8d.]

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|---|---|
| Itm pd unto Hughe Robtes the xjth of July for a poore man carried in a cart | xij d. |
| Itm pd unto Wm. Bate & Thos. Robinson the xjth of January for the maymed souldiers | xviij d. |
| Itm pd unto Hugh Robte the 14th of Februarie 1595 to pay the watchmen with when the Gipsees were in the Towne | ij s. |

(106) Demented. What did they do with the poor fellow? Was he left at large, or chained up like a felon, as lunatics were not many years ago, before the days of magnificent county asylums?

Itm pd for mending of the stocks & for a staple v d.
Itm pd for a poore woman borne of a barrowe (107) ij d.
Itm pd for a box a locke & a cheyne for ye Towne Charter (108) xij d.

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[John Greaves collector for year ended Martinmas 1596. Charged with £14 14s. 8d.]

Itm paid the same daye [2 July] for fox headds to Birley (109) xvj d.
Itm paid the same tyme to the Churche wardens for the maymed soldiers iij s. iiij d.
It pd for repairinge of the church walles 18 of Aprill last xviij d.

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[Thomas Creswick collector for one year ended Martinmas 1597. Rental £8. 10s. 8d. Total charge £10. 13s. 4d.]

Whereof paid as follows:

Ffirst paid to Robte Pearson and Wm Spowner constables for the settinge forth of Wm Unwin xv s.
Item paid for the repayring of the pillorye and stockes xvi s. v d.
Item paid to Thomas Hogdson for going for the crowner at the

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(107) Carried or conveyed in a barrow.

(108) Furnival's charter to his free tenants. The entry is an evidence of the care with which this important document was preserved.

(109) Payments by Churchwardens and other local authorities for fox heads are constantly found in old accounts. Vulpicide was not then a vice but a virtue, deserving something more than its own reward.

death of a child which was still born at Vidua Shawt house (110) xvj d.

Itm geven to a pore man, one Ric. Hamon, and to the Gipsies vj d.

Itm given to John Bland for watching with John Woodehead in his sickness iiij d.

Itm paid for the Piper cote, sylk buttons and making the xjth of December last xxj s.

Itm pd to the constables for their charges, and others goinge with them to Mr. Rookesbyes about George and Lawrence Steaven ii s. iiij d.

Itm paid to the Crowner at the deathe of Adam Mylnes wiffe, who was drowned, vj s.; and to George Bate, Tho. Godgston, and one Sytwell watching her in the well the 16 and 17 of February, ij s. j d. Some in toto viij s. j d.

Itm pd to Robte Lee and Henry Broxsoppe for bearinge a pore lame boy of a barowe to Wm. Staniforth, the constable xij d.

Itm given to a pore man in church by comandment of Mr. Bailiffe and others ij d.

Itm pd to Thomas Birley for vij foxe heads ij s. iiij d,

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Roger Lee collector for one year ended Martlemas last past 1598, charged with £15. 14s. 8½d.

A payment about "Recusantes felons and Roges" iiij d. xxiij July 1598.

Itm pd to Adem Mylnes and James Ebden mendinge the churche wall and the pynfolde x d.

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(110) The Coroner must have been paid by fees. Had he had a salary he would have said still birth was no reason for an inquest..

[Several payments to maymed souldeors]

Itm pd the xxj of February for the sittinge forth of Ffrances Pearson the souldeor xxxiij s.

Several payments about carrying George Steavin to York, and also donations to his wife

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Wm. Creswick collector for the Year ending Martinmas, 1599. Total rental £10. 13s. 2d.

Tenants names.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nichs Pearson | Henry Lee |
| Thoms Birley | Thomas Collinson, Oxspringe House |
| Vid Lee | Xpofer Birley |
| Willm Roberts | John Sheldon |
| Wm Hodgson | Thos Fletcher |
| John Greenwood | Thos White |
| Wm Bright | Willm Roger |
| Mathew Blythe | James Fenton |
| John Barley | Vid Harwood |
| Margaret Mettam | ,, Atkinson |
| Thomas Mawre | Lawrence Braywell |
| George Eyre | John Taylier |
| George Lodge | Edmnd Wildsmith |
| James Truelove | |

Total charged, £14. 7s. 2½d.

Whereof disbursed as followeth:

Ffirst paid at Rotheram the xvijth day of June for two taxes iiij li. x s. viij d.

Itm paid the xviijth day of June to Kellam Holmes for himself and his man when they went to Rotherham to put on the armor upon the souldiers xiiij d.

Itm paid the same day for scouring of fower pikes and hiringe of a horse and yu man to carry the armr to Rotheram more [moor] xv d.

Itm paid the xixth day of June for the charges of eight trayned souldiers when they went to Rotheram to shew their armor v s. iiij d.

Itm given the xxijth of June, 99,
to certen gybsees [gipsies] xij d.
[Payments for maimed soldiers, fox heads, mending the church wall.]
Itm pd the viijth of February for
the settinge forth of souldiers to
Yreland xxxiij s.
Itm pd to John Bland for goinge
with the jury to Bradfield vj d.
[The usual payment for the sembly quest:]

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1600. [Humphrey Staniforth, collector. Rental £12. 6s. 4d., including arrears.]

Payments: Maymed souldiers—pd Mr. Mason, deputy collector, for Mr. Wortley, two taxes, £4. 10s. 8d.
Mending church wall; setting forth soldiers to Ireland; sembly quest;
Md. That there is a brasse plm (?) in the Penestri (?) that was taken from Richard Webster for John Thylier.

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1601. [Thomas Howsley, collector. Total charge, £14. 10s. 9d. Rowland Lord and Henry Steven, constables.]

Itm pd for vj sword gyrdells iij s. viij d.
Charles Howle (111), churchwarden:
Setting souldiers into Ireland. Several entries. Dressing corsletts and calyvers; Michael Stone, for his cotes, 26s. 8d.
Several payments for maimed soldiers.

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(111) John Creswick, of Burrowlee, in his will, dated 21st May, 1604, mentions half a close in Sheffield, called Broddale, in the tenure of Charles Hoole. The name "Howle" is identical with the name "Hoole."

Itm paid to John Bland for settinge a key of a locke from Bowsever [Bolsover] vj d.
Itm paid for a sheete for the pore wench wch was drowned in the myll dame vid. Webster Mayde xvj d.

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1602. — [Robert Stanniforth, collector. Rental, £10. 19s. 8d. Total charge, £13. 1s. 3d.]
Imprimis paid the first day of June for the settinge forth of Roger Slatter and Richard Wats (112) souldiers into Ireland xxij s. viij d.
Itm more paid the same daye about the Queens business x s.
Itm paid the five and twentieth of Julie for the repayringe of Yorkeshire brigges (113) l s.
[Further payments about soldiers.]
Itm pd the xxviijth day of November for the Queenes household xiiij s. vj d.
[Payments for maimed soldiers, mending church wall, the waytes coates, tax for the Queene's majesty.]
Itm pd the xijth of March to Belfeld, for wallinge the church wall viij d.

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1603.— [Phillip Staynrod collector.]
Itm pd to Willm Creswicke the xxixth of May for a dagger xij d.

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(112) Richard Watts was probably identical with Richard Watts, of Wortley, who was son of John W., of Muckleton, co. Salop, by Anne, his wife, daughter of Richard Scott, of Barnes Hall, and who himself married Isabel, dau. of Arthur Alcock, of St. Martin's Vintry, London, and relict of Thomas Scott, of Barnes Hall, aforesaid.

(113) Yorkshire bridges, to which the whole county was assessed to contribute. We shall find many subsequent entries of contributions to the repair of specific bridges.

[Taxe, 45s. 4d.]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Itm pd for reperinge of Salt Peter workes | x s. | vj d. |
| Pd for two quittances | | vj d. |
| Pd the xiijth of November for saftie money | ij s. | |
| Pd the same day for the kinge provision (114) | xix s. | viij d. |
| Pd for the Releife of Pontefract | vij s. | vj d. |

[Subsidie 8s. 8d., further for Pontefract 14s. 2d.]

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| More at Rotheram for the cessinge of the Subsidie | ij s. | viij d. |

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1604.—[Thomas Scargell collector. Tax 45s. 4d. Repair of stocks 3s. Nicholas Pearson and Rowland Lord constables. Humfrey Staniforth (? church warden) pd for Barleburr brigge and prisoners at York 5s. 8d.]

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1605.—[Thomas Ellyott collector—years rent £11. 6s. 8d. Robt Alsoppe and Rolland Lord constables.]

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1606.—[Willm Spowner collector.]

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|---|---|---|
| Imprimis paid the xxiiij daie of Maye last for the constables churchwardens and collectors for the pore | iij s. | |
| Itm pd for the repayring of Bursall brigge and other busynes | xx s. | |
| Itm pd for salt peter | x s. | |
| Itm pd for the kinges provision of oxen and other expences | xxij s. | |
| Itm to Robt Staniforth constable going about the six weekes sessions | vj s. | viij d. |

(114) Provisions for King James on his progress from Edinburgh to London. He was guest of the Earl of Shrewsbury at Worksop Manor on the 20th April, 1603.

Itm pd for waxe for the Kinges howse and other thinges as appeareth by pticulers vj s. viij d.
Itm pd for repayring of Wetherby brigge xiij s. iiij d.
[foxe heads 20d.—repg Ladye brigg 3s. 4d. —repairing towne butts 2s. 6d.]

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Itm paid the xxiiijth daye of Aprill last 1607 to Homfrey Staniforth and Nicholas Staniforth constables for Salt Peter, men repayringe of Castleforth brigge and to the Castle of Yorke and other busynes as appeareth by p'ticulers xxxiij s.
Itm geven to John Blande for goinge with hewe and crye for a Robery vj d.

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1608.—[Nicholas Webster collector for year ending Martinmas, 1607. Humfrey Staniforth and Nicholas Staniforth constables—repairing Shepley bridge]

March 18.—To the Churchwardens for the Ringers for Ringing the xxiiijth of March in anno 1607. vj s. viij d.
[Anniversary of James I. accession.]
April 24, 1608.—To Willm Slack and John Greaues constables for salt petre and lame souldiers xiiij s.

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1609. Jo. Harrison collector, 1608.

June ye 12th 1608.—Delivered to John Greaues constable to pay a some sessed by ye justices for one that was robed by the high way xl s.
July ye 6 1608.—Delivered to Wm Slack constable to pay for mendinge of ye butt in ye Whickar v s.
July ye 10th.—Delivered to Arthur

Parkin one of the churchwardens to pay unto ye constable for the lame souldiers iij s. viij d.

21st of July.—Delivered to Jo Greaves for carringe one Wm Elcock to Yorke xiij s. iiij d.

July ye 23rd.—Delivered to Xpofer Capp and Arthur Parkin, for the repering of the Townes p'te of the church wall, vj s. iij d.

August ye vth. — Delivered to Xpofer Capp and Arthr Parkin, to pay ye Ringers ij s. vj d.

Sept. ye 8th.—Delivered to Willm Stark, to pay Richard Broune and Wm Fox, for carringe of Nicho. Hybbard to Yorke Castle xv s. iiij d.

October ye 3.—Delivered to Xpofer Capp, for lame souliers, money due att Michalms Sessions iij s. vii d.

October ye 15th. — Delivered to Willm Stark to pay trayne souliers and to cary a lame woman to Wadisley vij s. iiij d.

Nov. ye 9th.—Delivered to Willm Stark ij s. vj d.

Nov. ye 16th.—Delivered to Willm Stark towardes payinge of Tho Hogson for watchinge Mr. Harlow iij s.

January ye 21st.—Delivered to Jo. Greaves for carringe Jo. Greaves before Sr. Peeter Ffretchvile iij s. iiij d.

January ye 29th.—Delivered to Jo. Greaves towardes ye repayringe of Yorke Castle x s.

[Repairs of Castleforth brig, the butt in the Whicker, the Towne pinfould.]

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1610 [Malin Stacy, collector for 1609. £11. 6s. 8d.; arrears, 7s. 6d.; bal. in the purse, 1s. 6d.; total charge, £11. 15s. 8d.]

To Tho. Webster and Geo. Hancock, the constables, towardes the Releife of lame soldiers, payment of money upon warrants from the High Constable sending of prisoners to the gaole and other services for the King and Towne att sundry times vij l. xiiij s. vj d

Xpofer Capper and Edward Hill, church wardens.

To Humfrey Youle, another of the churchwardens, for the Ringers ijs. viijd.

[Several payments for Ringers and Ringing, and the sembly quest.]

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1611 [Ellis Young, collector for 1610; Thos. Skargell, one of the constables.]

To the same Thomas for money by him, paid the third daie of September, 1610, to the High Constable towards the Re-edifyinge of Bawtry bridge and towardes the repairinge of Wakefield and Eland bridges xijs. ixd.

Also repairing Methley, Sawley, Colne, and Cowper (?) bridges and payt to Captaine Wood generall muster master for Yorkshire 41s. 8d.

[Also repairs of . . . feld Turne and Bolton bridges.]

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1612 Thomas Skargell, collector for 1611.

To ould Hinchliffe, Raph Bostack, and John Wood with other labourers for mending of the Lady bridge xl s.

Given to them in bread and ale xij d.

[A payt to the High Constable "for the house of correction."]

[Repair of Ferribridge, Darfield bridge, Inghay (Ingleton ?) bridge, the Towne butt; Edward Creswick, one of the Churchwardens,

"towards the House of Correction;" 2s. for a newe Bandilierowe (?)]

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1613. Roger Lee, collector. for 1612, [towards "erecting and maintaining the House of Correction" repairing Kirkstall, Grimball, Knaresbrough, North bridge att Ripon, Tanfeild, Howick, and Ingleton bridges; wax for his majesty's household.]

Ellis Young and Anthony Webster, churchwardens, for amending the cage and locke and sawing of tymber for a newe paire of stockes vjs. iiijd.

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1615. Thomas Skargell, collector, account taken 3rd June, 1615, for one year's rent ending Martinmas, in the year 1613.

Repairs of sundry bridges; Michael Stone for his cote, 20s.

Thomas Sponeer, one of the churchwardens, John Bowman, one of the newe constables, repairing church wall, ringing, sembly quest, Townes butt, and other entries.

For the first time the last collector, Lee, seems to have disbursed more than he received by 4s. 10d., which was repaid him by this collector—Skargell.

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1615. Robert Sorsby collector for 1614.

Repairs to Lady bridge, Barker poole, and for other needful buisinesse about the Towne (made known to the Burgesses at the making of this accompte) 26s. 9d.

The "Assembley quest" mentioned.

Rich Colton & Geo Smedley churchwardens.

The Rent is increased against the next year xiij s. viz the house let to Jo: Tayler being formerly 5s. is nowe 16s. yearly, & a house nowe builded by James Savage is lett for 2s. yearly.

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1616. Richard Colton collector for 1615. Rental £12. 1s. 4d.

To John Pittes for his wages for worke done by him about the Lady Bridge 9s. 6d. for a load of lime for the same 1s. for a bushell of malt for blending of his lime 8d. for 2 pounds of Rossell 4d. for five pounds of iron & as much lead to make crampetts for the bridge xij d. in all xix s. x d.

For repairing and "feying" Barker Poole 34s. 10d.

Nich Drabble and Anthony Wood Constables.
Ja Hill and Hugh Roberts Churchwardens.

For pay for a booke for the Constables' Reckonings vj d.

For Ramming the headstocke and for walling of the Barker poole about the same headstock and for a lock and a bolt for the shuttles ij s. x d.

Rent increased agst next year 7s.
viz. Wm. Rogers house formerly rented att 14s. is nowe leased for 20s. rent and the house lately repaired by John Phillipott formerly rented att 12d. is now increased to 2s. rent.

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1617 William Mosley collector for 1616.

To Robte Stone the waite of the Towne for his cote xx s.

It pd towardes repayring of a fowle place in the streetes at the Church gates xxx s.

The Rent is increased against next year xiij s. iiij d. viz. Swindows house formly rented att 6s. 8d. is nowe leased att xx s. Rent.

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1618. Robte Howsley, collector for 1617.

[Inter alia] Michael Stone waite; amending the arches of the bridge; walling Barker poole;

raming the banck; clensing the poole; casting out the earth; setting a wooden paling about the poole. Altogether spent on the poole, £4. 2s. Rents increased 5s. Thos. Trickett's house raised from 6s. to 11s. yearly.

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1619. James Creswick, collector for 1618.

[Inter alia] Young Stone, the Waite, extensive repairs to the churchyard wall.

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1620. Richard Shemeld, collector for 1619.

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| [Inter alia] To Francis More, for his charge to London, and money there disbursed by him about the Towne's buisiness iij li. | xviij s. vj d. |
| To Richard Jenninges and John Atkinson, for paving the Bridge and a little pte of the way on this syde towardes the Towne, being 590 yards att 2d. per yard, 4li. 18s. 4d.; for paving about the wood bridge, 0li. 13s. 2d. . . To Arthur Courtnall and Steevenson, for making the little wood bridge there and the stoopes, 0li. 15s. 8d.; for making stoopholes, 1s. | |
| For carrying rubbish from the church stile | iiij s. |
| To Wm. Holland and Geo. Lee, which was disbursed by them when they went to Welbeck about the Townes buisinesses | iij s. iij d. |
| To Thomas Wheelwright, for dressing the Bucketts | xviij d. |

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1621.—James Bright, collector for 1620.

[Inter alia.]

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| For a locke for Barker's poole | v d. |
| To young Stone (the wayt) for his cote | xx s. |

Sundry works "about the little bridge at Barker's poole," 8s. 6d.

1621.—Edward Hill, collector—rents increased from £13. 6s. 8d., to £18. 10s. 10d.

[Inter alia.]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| pd for the justices charges viz., Mr Wombwelles and Mr Westes charges and their mennes when they came to view the Bridge | viij s. | viij d. |
| Sundry repairs to the Bridge. | | |
| To Brocksopp for his gate with a lre [letter] to Mr Wombwell | | x d. |
| To Arthur Stevin, for carrying a lre to Mr West | | xij d. |
| For lead and coals | iij s. | x d. |
| For the charges of Thomas Skargill, George Lee, and Edward Hill, in going to the Sessions att Pontefract about the Bridge, and money by them there disbursed | xxj s. | |
| To John Shore for making the Little bridge att Barkers poole | iij s. | ij d. |

1622.—Christopher Capper collector.

[Inter alia.]—49s. 7d. spent about the Bridge; some paling at Barkers poole, vj s. vj d.; for sweeping the bridge and pavement att the church gates, iiij s. [This payment recurs many years.]

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| For advice taken about the moneyes —[the words "due to the poore" are here erased]—given by the late Erle of Shrewsbury, Lord George, for the benefitt of the towne, and for necessary businesse concerning the Towne | xxx s. | |
| For charge of 2 Kings lres, and the serving of them on some of the Tenantes which paid not their rents (115) | iiij s. | x d. |
| Rents in arrear, £24. 2s. 9d. | | |

(115.) These King's letters would be in the legal language of the present day writs. In 1624 and 1625 we find the suits prosecuted against the two tenants Arthur Steven and Lawrence Atkinson.

1623. — Leonard Webster collector. For repairing the Little Bridge att the Lady Bridge end and the Bridge att Barker poole v s. Total disbursed £2. 16s. 0d. Arrears £19. 17s. 11d. So remaineth xlvij li. iiij d., whereof 40 li. was laid upp in a deske at Robte Rollinsons. The other 7li. and 4d. was dd to Nicholas Staniforth appointed collector for the next year.

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1624.—Nicholas Staniforth collector. For charges of suite against Arthur Stevin and Lawrence Attkinson two tenantes that paid not their rentes v s.

For wine bestowed on the Lord Darcie when he came to pclaime king Charles v s. (116). Total disbursed this year, £2. 18s. 4d. Arrears £23. 16s. 9d.—Total £25. 19s. 1d. [wrongly cast.] So remaineth £58. 14s., whereof £50 was laid upp. The other £8. 14s. dd. to Wm. Birley appointed collector for the next year.

Mem. made of the lowering of some rents.

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1625.—William Birley collector, one whole year's rent £18. 18s. 8d. Total charge £99. 9s. 11d.

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| For charges bestowed on the burgesses who weare p'sent att the taking of the last accompte | iij s. | |
| For charges in suite against Stevin & Atkinson when they would not pay their Rentes as appeared by pticulers at the taking of this accompte | xlj s. | iiij. d. |
| For charges in going to Winfeild about the moneys due to their poore | xix s. | ij d |

(116.) Rotherham treated Lord Darcye to the extent of 4s. when he performed the same office in that town.

Total disbursements, £7. 2s. 10d. Arrears of rent, £18. 12s. 11d. Total, £25. 15s. 9d.

Total stock, £73. 15s. 8d., of which there is lett to Wm Staniforth £25 and to Phill. Hill £25. The rest being £23. 15s. 8d. was delivered to James Creswick the younger appointed collector for the next year. Itm that Wm Birley rec'd for his £50 lett out till the 25th of July next 50s. of wh hee pd by consent for the dinners of them yt tooke this accompte 7s. and for the repaire of Burtland well 10s. the other 33s, hee then dd to Jas. Creswick the next collector. (117)

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1626. James Creswick the younger collector.

The charge.

| | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Money remaining at last reckoning | | | | 73 | 15 | 8 |
| One whole years rent | | | | 18 | 18 | 8 |
| Arrears of rent | | | | 18 | 12 | 11 |
| Money recd of Wm. Birley the last collector (as appeareth att the foote of the last page) | | | | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| And with money recd for interest this last year for the money lent viz. | | | | | | |
| of Ph Hill | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| of Wm Staniforth | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| of Adam Bate | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| of Geo Pearson | 0 | 4 | 7 | | | |
| of Geo Hobson | 0 | 4 | 7 | | | |
| Total charge | | | | £116 | 4 | 5 |
| Whereof Disbursed | | | | | | |
| For charges in newe making the church style as app: by p'ticulrs showen att ye taking of this accompt | | | | xv s. | vj d. | |

(117.) The property of the Burgesses was now yielding more than the annual expenses absorbed, and as capital thus accumulated the townsmen seem to have begun the practice of lending it at 5 per cent., apparently without security.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Rayling the Bridge att the Barkers poole | ix s. | vj d. |
| For charge about the Burtland well | xv s. | |
| For charges in walling about the wood bridge in the nether end of the Castle greene | iiij s. | iij d. |

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1628. Anthony Ellis, collector for 1627.

The charge includes payments of interest on £65 at 5 p. c. lent to the same persons as last year. Repairs of Lady Bridge—"for charge about the stone staire there 9s. 4d., and for the wood bridge att the end thereof xxd." For charges about the procuring of tymber for a workhouse for the poore iij li. xvj s. ix d.

Md that the house wherein Wid. Robinson dwelt (formerly lett for 18d. p. an) was this day by a general consent lett to her sonne Tho. Robinson for 5s. rent. p. an. And the house wherein Wid. Asth dwelleth was lett by consent to Geo. Jackson her brother who hath und'r taken to pay the arrer thereof by 5s. p. an. and to suffer his sister to have Rommes there.

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1629. Tho. Skargell, collector for 1628.

Among the receipts is "7s. recd from Mr. Toller wh was spared of the 3li. 16s. 9d. dd out the last year for charges about providing of tymber for the workhouse." (118)

disbursed.

To Xpofer Birley for keeping open the sinke att the end of ye bridge xij d.

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(118). The burgesses were beginning rather tardily to carry out the Act of 1601. We shall find them leasing a piece of ground from the Church Burgesses and building a workhouse—the old workhouse that formerly stood on the site of the Westbar pump. The entries speak for themselves, and may interest the Sheffield Guardians now engaged on a similar but much larger work.

For charges layd out last year about the building of the workhouse—viz., Robert Brodebent and Lawrence Shore for their time and consent for the croft where the workhouse is to be builded, 5li.; to the keep's for m'king of 15 trees, 5s.; to Kirk for his daies work of these, 12d.; to the Carpentrs for felling the same trees, 16s.; for ale for them, 16d.; for making the sawepitts, 10s.; for the carpenters charges going to Newarke to see their workhouse, 8s.; for breaking the tymber, 12li.; to the masones and wallers, 16li.; for drink for them, 14d.; for 62 horse loades of lyme, 3li. 3s. 7d.; for 4 Riddles and for riddleing and whoolering of earth, 6s. 11d.; charges about loading and leading of tymber as appeared by p'ticulrs showed £2. 3s. 9d.; for a yate for the croft and hanging of it and hedging the croft, 8s. 8d.; and for charges in Riding ale given att divst meetings and other charges about the said workhouse (the particulars whereof weare showed att the taking of this accompt), £3. 16s. 4d.—in all xlivli. j s. ixd.

[Written in figures underneath] £45. 1s. 9d.

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1630. — Robt. Howsley collector 1629. Among the receipts £12 "wh was given by the 12 capitall burgesses and comonalty towards building the workhouse." Payts, to the 12 capitall Burgesses and Cominaltie for rent for the croft where the workhouse is builded 10s. [this payment of 10s. recurs every year.]

Further charges about the building of the workhouse £95. 2s. 7d.—including leading of slate £2. 18s. 9d.; to the slaters £5; in drink to the workmen and others did any service about the work £1. 18s. 10d.; charges about the Rearing £2. 15s. 4d.; for a spade 1s. 4d.

[only £25 remains now at interest.]

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1631.—Xpofer Capper collector for 1630. Charged with £62. 5s. 8d.

Disbursed the charges about the workhouse £41. 6s. 2d. including 7 loads of slate, leading & slating £1. 8s. 2d. for making the lease of the workhouse 10s. 0d. to W. Hilton for his direction about sitting on foote the worke 4s.

Md that Math Cooke and Grace Pogmore are this next year to pay for their houses 11s. a peice which increaseth the Rent 8s. 8d.

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1632—Edward Wood collector for 1631.

| Years rent £20 3 0. | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Staniforth for interest | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Fr More for the money in his hands | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| Money left by the ould Countesse of Shrewsbury att her death (119) | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Money recd fro the constables wh they had gathered of the sessment and made towards the apparelling of 20ty poore children for the worke house | 19 | 11 | 6 |
| Total charge £76 4 4 | | | |
| Disbursed. | | | |
| To Mr Toller and Geo More towardes the charge of their journey to London (120) | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| To Geo More for his charges in going to London | 3 | 18 | 6 |
| To Mr. Mosley in pt towardes his charges to London | 2 | 0 | 0 |

For charges laid out this year about the woorkehouse, £40. 4s. 3d., including, for 79 yardes of blowisth cloth for thapparelling of 21ty poore children putt into the woorkhouse, £8. 18s. 5d.; 5¼ yds white cotton, 3s. 6d.;

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(119). Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury, familiarly known as Bess of Hardwick, died 13 Feb., 1607.

(120). Thos. Toller, Vicar of Sheffield, Feb., 1598, to Aug. 20th, 1635.

making 21 cotes, £1. 1s. 0d.; 98 yds of harden cloth, £3. 13s. 10d.; for making the same into 40 smockes for the said children, 6s. 8d.; to Nicks. Parkin on the ffirst of May last for his monethes paie before hand of the 10li. hee is to have wh the children, 16s. 8d.; for 65 foote of glasse and 3 casemts of glasse, £1. 9s. 6d.

For the charges and what was given to John Pendleton, who came to have beene a Mr att the workhouse, 7s. 6d.

To Whittaker and Hilton for the like, 2s. 6d.

For wine and sugar sent to the Earle of Newcastle, £0. 17s. 0d. (121.)

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1633. Wm. Creswick, collector for 1632.

Total charge, £48. 6s. 11d.

Charges about the workhouse, £13. 12s. 1d., including £3. 11s. 0d. for a cow to one Mr. who came from Chappell (122) to have taught the children to knitt, 3s. 4d.

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Xpofer Crapper, Geo. Lee, and Robt. Howsley, which was borrowed of them the last year (123) | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. Mosley for the rest of his charges to London | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| Wh was lost in light gould and farthings | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Wh was allowed to Edward Creswick towardes his charges in suite against Newsomes daughter | 0 | 16 | 8 |

Total disbursed, £29. 10s. 1d.

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1634. Wm Skargill, collector for 1633.

Total charge, £47. 6s. 5d.

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| For a certificate to the Earle of Newcastle about the begg'g peticon [begging petition] | 0 | 1 | 0 |

(121.) Presents of this kind to distinguished persons who visited the town were not infrequent.

(122.) Chapel-en-le-Frith.

(123.) The town having exhausted all its available money, in building the workhouse, has now to borrow from the burgesses.

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| Laid out this year about the bridge | 2 | 6 | 9 |

Total payments, £21. 14s. 0d.
Md the rent is now £20. 2s. 0d.

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1635.—Robt. Stacie, collector for 1634 (124)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total charge | £58 | 7 | 5 |

Discharge.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For hireing a horse to London about the townes business | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| To Tho. Skargell the young'r, and Jno. Hinchliffe [the last yeares ov'rseirs of the poore] for the poore | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| For feying the Bark'r poule | 0 | 1 | 6 |

Sum disbursed, £15. 7s. 1d.; arrears respited, £14. 3s. 2d.; total disbursed, £29. 10s. 3d.

Sic rest, £28. 17s. 2d., wh. was dd. to Castle Shemeld, appointed collector for this next year.

Md that the house whereunto Wm. Bennett was tenant is improved from 2s. 6d. to 4s. So is the rent nowe £20. 3s. 6d.

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1636. Castle Shemeld, collector for 1635, charge £73 15 8

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Repairing the Butt in the wick'r | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| For tymber and boardes for the pillorie 12s. 6d.; for carriage of the tymber, 2s. 8d.; for making it, 25s.; for carriage of it from the Castle foulds, 6d.; for stones, and lyme, and haire, 7s. 7d.; and for walling and pointing, 6d.; in all | 2 | 14 | 3 |
| For a cuck stoole, and 2 cheynes, and two lockes | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Charges about the little bridge att the foote of the Castle greene | 2 | 13 | 0 |

(124.) Thos. Creswick, of Wadsley, in his will, dated 9th March, 1617, mentions Helen, wife of Robert Stacie, of Sheffield.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For paveing under the great Bridge | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| To Ja: Hodgson for feying and keeping of Bark'r poole | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| For mending the Church wall and making the Church yeard yates | 0 | 9 | 6 |

Dd to the overseers of the poor, £10. 13s. 4d. Bal. in hand, £34. 14s. 2d.

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1673. Wm. Birley collector for 1636, total charge £71 3 11

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charges about the Townhead well | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| For charges about the workhouse in laying the long chamber flore and paving pte of the Nether flore, and for laths, nailes, lyme, and other thinges, as appeared by pticulrs showed | 4 | 14 | 4 |

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1638. John Crooke, collector, for the year ending Martinmas, 1637, charged £84 18 9

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spent on the workhouse | 12 | 17 | 8 |
| For charges of the 2 men that came from Wakefeld to have sett children on work | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Bal. £48. 13s. 10d., out of which delivered to the overseers of the poor the 10li. left by Robt. Rollinson, and 30li. more, in all | 40 | 0 | 0 |

So resteth £8. 13s. 10d. which was dd to Wm. Riche, appointed collector for the next year.

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1638. Willm Riche, collector for 1637, charged £71 7 9

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Wm Chapman for laying a newe pipe att the spring att ye Water lane end | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Note that the 40li. menc'oned att the foote of the last accompt, & 20li. of the £33. 6s. 8d.

before menc'oned in this accompt, being in all 60li., was dd in stock to the workhouse, the other 20 markes is in the hands of the overseers of the poor.

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1640. Thomas Skargell, collector for 1639, charged £64 13 11

Interest on £200, £13. 6s. 8d.; dd to the overseers £13. 6s. 8d.

1641. Thomas Skargell the younger collector for 1640, charge £72 0 5

dd to overseers of the poor, £13. 6s. 8d.

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1642. Edward Wood, collector for 1641, charged with £88 13 9

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|---|---|---|---|
| For 22 muskets and charge of the carriage of them (125) | 21 | 15 | 7 |

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1643. Robt Howsley, the younger, collector for 1642, charged £99 2 0

Years rent £27 13 0

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| For work done about the Towne | 12 | 11 | 8 |
| For stocking of 3 muskets and mending a lock | 0 | 8 | 8 |

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1644. Robt Howsley, the elder, collector for 1643, charge £104 1 6

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for the defraying of sessm't. and other necessary and needful uses | 15 | 18 | 8 |
| Arrears respited | 54 | 16 | 6 |
| Delivered to Thomas Skargell, the younger, and Thomas Breland for the setting of the poore on work | 11 | 0 | 0 |

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(125) These entries about muskets mark the preparations of the town's folk for civil war. Charles I. set up his standard at Nottingham, 22 Aug., 1642.

1645. Richard Coulton, collector, for 1644, charged with £102 16 8

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|---|---|---|---|
| Dd to the overseers of the poore | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Dd to Robert Stacie when my Lord of Manchesters army tooke this Castle (126) | 6 | 0 | 0 |

(126) In April, 1643, the Earl of Newcastle, commanding the Royal Army, marched from Wakefield with part of his forces to attack Rotherham and Sheffield, which had fortified themselves in the interest of the Parliament. Rotherham showed fight but was taken by storm. The Earl of Newcastle's wife thus related the advance against Sheffield:—"After my lord had stayed two or three days there [Rotherham] and ordered those parts, he marched with his army to Sheffield, another market town of large extent, in which there was an ancient castle; which, when the enemy's forces that kept the town came to hear of, being terrified with the fame of my Lord's hitherto victorious army, they fled away from thence into Derbyshire, and left both town and castle without a blow to my Lord's mercy; and though the people in the town were most of them rebelliously affected, yet my Lord so prudently ordered the business, that within a short time he reduced most of them to their allegiance by love, and the rest by fear, and recruited his army daily; he put a garrison of souldiers into the castle, and fortified it in all respects, and constituted a gentleman of quality Sir Wm. Savile, Knight and Bart, governor both of the castle, town, and country; and finding near that place some iron works, he gave present order for the casting of iron cannon for his garrisons, and for the making of other instruments and engines of war."—*Gatty's Hunter's Hallamshire*, p. 136. The castle surrendered to the Parliamentarians, under Major General Crawford, despatched for the purpose by the Earl of Manchester, after a bombardment, 11th Aug., 1644. It is to this event that the entry in the text refers. For particulars of the siege and capitulation, see *Hallamshire*, pp. 141-2. The very heavy amount of arrears of rent "respited," from 1643, shows the distress and confusion prevailing in the town.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Clayton & Courtnell for making the Centriehouses | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| for another weekes worke to them | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| to old Beighton for getting of clotts | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| to Edward Webster for leading of clotts | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| for dressing the Lady Bridge | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| To Robert Skargell for nailes for the Centriehouses | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| More to Wm Hartley for nailes for the same use | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| To Wm Savage for 6li of Lubeck iron to make staples of (127) | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| to Tompson of Woodthorpe for leading of three loades of morter to the Centrie house | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| for graving sclodde (for makeing the bullworkes) for leading them, for wrights wage, for nailes, for making chaines and staples & for tools | 3 | 7 | 0 |

Total disbursed £31. 8s. 11d. arrears respited £62. 16s. 10d.

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1646. Nicholas Lockwood, collector for 1645, charged with £90 1 9, disbursed £9 13 4; arrears, £49 5 10.

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1647. Malin Sorsby, collector, for 1646.

Paid to Capt. Turton, Capt. Harwood,

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(127) 1637, June 15.—To this Court comes William Savage de Sheffield, and surrenders half a bovat in Mosbro' and Ridgeway, called Long greave, late in the tenure of Joseph Woodrove, gent., and before that in the tenure of John Rotherham, and now in the tenure of Elizabeth Cam, of Carfield, in Ridgeway, widow, which was lately surrendered to the late William Savage by Edward Eyre, of Armytage, co. Stafford, gent., to the use and behoof of the said Elizabeth Cam, widow.—*Court Rolls of the Manor of Eckington, co. Derby.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| and others for the towne's use | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Delivered to Mr. Newnam, constable for the year 1647 | 9 | 0 | 0 |

Total disbursed, £25. 16s. 0d.; arrears [blank].

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1648. The accompt. of John Hall, collector, there taken the nynthe day of March, 1659, for the rentes and revenues belonging to the said Burgery for one whole year ended at Martinmas, 1647. (128)

Total charge £79. 14s. 4d.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Discharge: to Wm. Wadsworth for a Rentall | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Payd for chaines, lockes, turnepikes, and other necessaries, as appeares by particulars then showed | 1 | 17 | 3 |
| Paid to Tho. Skargell for Beefe, Mutton, and Lambe for a p'sent for the Lord of Arundell | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Paid to Edward Wood for the use of the poore | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Arrears [of rent] £62. 19s. 0d.

[No accounts for 1648-49, in which years the town affairs must have been in great confusion. The castle was demolished 1649.]

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1652.—Wm. Skargell collector for the year ending Martinmas 1650, charged with £104. 17. 9.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [Payments inter alia.] To Thomas and Ralph Shore for walling the well at the workhouse | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| For 4 bunches of slate latts | 0 | 4 | 0 |

(128) We have here a good illustration of the confusion into which local affairs fell during the civil war. The Town Collector's accounts for 1647, instead of being audited in 1648, are not laid before the burgesses till eleven years afterwards.

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|---|---|---|---|
| To [Edward] Berry the waite for his cote (129) | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| For charges of making of the cage | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| For stoopes, rayles, borders and nayles for mending the Barker poole and for work done about the same | 0 | 14 | 3 |
| For 10 yeards of gysts and 6 yeards of rayles | 0 | 3 | 6 |

1653.—(130) John Dale collector for two years ending Martinmas 1652:

Charge £309 19 4

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| [Discharge, inter alia.] For two quarts of wyne when the justices was at the Towne for taking Malin Sorsbie's accompt | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| For dressing the Lady Bridge and mending the Water Lane spoute | 0 | 4 | 0 |

1654. Accompt of Wm. Creswick, collector, taken 11th Nov., 1654, for one whole yeare ended this present daie. One year's rent, £31 1 6.

Total charge £304 3 0

[After 1650 the waite's coat is changed into his "years paie," being £1 same as the coat.]

(129). Michael Stone was waite to the town 15 Dec., 1607 to 1615. Robt. Stone, 1616. Michael Stone, 1617. "Young" Stone, 1618-1624. Stone, 1625-1647.

(130). 1620. Sep. 11.—Richard Dale, son of Thos. Dale, deceased, late of Hallam, and John Dale, brother of the said Richard D., per Thomas Machon, Senior, of Stumperlow, and John Machon, of Hallam, surrender lands, &c., called Netherfield, in parish of Sheffield, to the use and behoof of Thomas Machon, Junior, of Stumperlow. 1575. April 18.—Robert Machon surrenders one close, containing 3 acres lying between Thorneland and Rookgate, to the use of Thomas Dale, &c.—*Sheffield Court Rolls.*

1655. Robt Stacie, collector for the year ending Martinmas, 1655, charged with £335 0 8.

[The accounts audited 9th Nov. instead of May or June following.]

[Payments inter alia.]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Wm. Creswick for a purse | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| To Bower and Wright for carrying a chist to the Workehouse | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| To Tho. Hayes for 2 keyes and and jemmes for a chist at workehouse | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Paid to Samuell Barlowe and John Sanderson overseers of the poore as appeareth by their acquittance | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To Clayton for makeing a grate at Church yates | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| To Robert Wright for helping Clayton when hee mended the Church yates | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| To Symon Stones for plateing Church yates and mending of snecks | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| To Symon Stones for a dyall and setting it up | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| For the dinners of those that were present at the taking of this accompt | 0 | 10 | 0 |

[This entry occurs every year.]

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1656. Edward Barlowe collector (131.)

Years rent £31. Total charge £341. 3. 2.

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| For the jury dinners [sembly quest] [A regular entry.] | 0 | 10 | 0 |

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1657. Joshua Shemeld collector; total charge £366. 10. 1.

[Discharge, inter alia.]

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(131). Barlow is, by a clerical error, described as collector up to Martinmas, 1655. It should be 1656. Joshua Shemeld, in the same way, is put down for 1656, instead of 1657.

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| To the post for a letter sent up to Mr. Moseley about the Almes house | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Given to Robte Rawson and Edward Mirfin woodwards for settinge out 2 trees for the Almes house | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Spent on them at Ralph Wildsmiths | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| For a quart of sack at the receipt of the 100li at Mr. Moseleys house | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| For a pint of sack to Mr. Halton and spent at Francis Barlowes house wth Mr. Halton and Mr. Ratcliffe when wee spoke to them about trees for the Alms house (132) | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| For a lock for the Townhead pound [in Pinfold street] | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| To Mr. Mountney for Councell about the Townes buisiness | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To Two Trumpetters at ye p'claiming of the lord protector (132*a*) | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To Edward Berry [waite] and 4 other musitians at that time | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| To the ring'rs xs. paid at Thomas Rawsons 5s. and spent at Francis Barlowes house 24s. at yt time | 1 | 19 | 0 |

[Several payments for work done about the Almes house.]

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(132). Probably Imanuel Halton, of Wingfield, eldest son of Miles Halton. He was sometime of Gray's Inn, and afterwards employed as auditor to Henry, Duke of Norfolk. Mr. Ratcliffe was Francis Ratcliffe, of Sheffield Manor, principal agent for the Earl of Arundel, aged 44, 10th April, 1666. Buried in chancel of Sheffield parish church, 16th July, 1685.

(132*a*). Oliver Cromwell was declared Protector of the Commonwealth.—The town seems to have been warmly attached to the Protector's cause.

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| for a rope to drawe stones out of the Dungeon (133) | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| To Geo Tompson for leading stones from Wadsley more to ye Lady Bridge | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| To Tho Newton for felling two trees and his labour in setting them out xs. pte whereof hee is to bee accomptable in the breaking of them up | 0 | 10 | 0 |

Bee it remembered that on the 9th day of September 1658 it was agreed and ordered by the Burgesses of the Towne of Sheffild That ye p'cl of ground lying and being before ye nowe dwelling house of George Flint at ye south end of John Stones house on Balm green shall not bee lett to any p'son whatsoever nor be made use of at any time hereafter for any purpose whatsoever but yt ye same henceforth shall continue waste as formerly. (134)

Be it remembered that the 18th of June, 1664, att ye passing the accompts of Richard Woodward (?) and Robt Boughton, overseers for the poore of Sheffield for ye yeare 1663, it was agreed and ordered that the sd overseers and their successors and churchwardens shall be secured and saved harmless from Godfrey Bright and all others touching goods received from Thomas Stacie, to keep a child begotten by him, to which goods Godfrey Bright claims appriety, and this to be done att the Towne's charge.

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[Page 175 of the Town Trust old account book.]

The Burgery of the Towne of Sheffield. The accompt of Joshua Shemeld collector there taken the eight day of September 1659 for the

(133). The dungeon of the now destroyed castle. The ruins formed a convenient quarry of dressed stone for the town.

(134). Do we owe the present width of the street opposite the Albert Hall to this wise resolution of the burgesses?

rents and revenues belonging to the said Burgery for two whole yeares ending Martinmas 1658.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [Charged inter alia] Two yeares rent | 62 | 13 | 0 |
| with money recd of John Nodder for interest of 100li in 2 yeares | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| of Symon Stones in Hammer Iron | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Total charge, £447. 4s. 1d. | | | |
| whereof disbursed [inter alia] | | | |
| To the use of the Poore | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| To the waytes for 2 yeares wages | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| To John Parker and others for making sawpitts | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| To Showres Ronckesley and others for getting stones building and worke done by them at the Almeshouse (135) | 83 | 4 | 9 |
| To Rich Clayton for wood and makeing a newe stylo at the Church Yard | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| To Thomas Newton for breaking upp the trees and woodworke done by him at the Almeshouse | 11 | 10 | 2 |
| To Malin Sorsby men to drincke | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| To James Lee for writing two Rentalls and a deede made from John Crooke to the Townes men | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| To Geo. Thompson for leading stones | 4 | 15 | 6 |

(135.) The building operations indicated in this and other entries about this time relating to the almshouses, seem to tell of a reconstruction of the old building near the Lady's bridge, formerly the chapel of our Lady. The Lord of the Manor helped the work by gifts of timber and other material, and the burgesses paid for the labour. There were four habitations for four poor widows. The building was removed when the bridge was widened, about 1767. The almshouse cannot be the same as the hospital of Earl Gilbert, erected about 1665, and of which Mr. Halton reported in 1666 that it had been erected by the Hon. Mr. Howard "at his own charge, and out of his own estate, and upon his own land."

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Symon Stones for mending a locke | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| To Robert Machon and others for cleansing the bridge | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| For making Two Hudds and materialls therto | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To Dyson wife for carrying water and sand; and for carrying coles and gathering horse doung | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| For a spade | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| For rent for the schoole house and workhouse and crofte for 2 years | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| For wyne wh was sent when the Townesmen went to visitt the Lord of Arrundell (136) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| For nayles, drincke, treases, and other thinges about the almes house | 5 | 7 | 5½ |
| Fox head | 0 | 16 | 7½ |
| To Katherin Wigfall by consent | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| [Various other charges about building the almshouse.] | | | |
| For glazing the windowes | 2 | 3 | 9 |

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1660. Malin Sorsbie collector for 1659

The Charge

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| First hee chargeth himselfe wth money recde at the last reckoning | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| And with a yeares rent | 26 | 16 | 9 |
| And with arrereayes (whereof recd of Edmund Littlewood ijli xs, of Widd Topcliffe vs vjd, of John Short for Rich. Allen viijs vjd, of James Hewit ijs, of Robt. Staniland ixs, of James Peniston iijs, and of Geo. Flint xviijs | 47 | 7 | 1 |

(136.) Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel, restored to the Dukedom of Norfolk by Act of Parliament, 13 Charles II., succeeded his father 17th April, 1652, died 13th December, 1677. His lordship was probably visiting Sheffield Manor, and the burgesses showed their hospitality. They may even have had to confer with him about the almshouse.

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| And wth interest of 100li in John Nodder's hand | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| And wth interest of 50li in Nicho. Pearson's hand | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| And wth interest of 20li in Jervase Cooper hand | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| And wth money recd of Daniell Meares in part of a bond | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| And wth money recd for 19 cords of wood in the workehouse crofte | 6 | 19 | 4 |
| And wth money recd of Richard Bayze towards the walling betwixt the workhouse crofte and his close | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| And wth interest of 20li in Thomas Limmans hands | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| The summe of the charge is | 95 | 10 | 6 |

Whereof disbursed [inter alia]

To Wm. Ronchesley and Shores (when they laid on the pinion tables) in ale 0 0 4

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Shores lad for a dayes worke and to Eneley wife for coales | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| To John Tollitt for a crest | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Spent in going to demand the crests belonging to the Towne | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Paid at the last Collector's feast | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Payments about the Almeshouse | 6 | 9 | 10 |
| And the Workhouse | 14 | 14 | 1 |
| Paid for getting and leading of stone, and for worke done about building the little house at Lady Bridge end | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Paid for timber, workmanshipp, slate latts, nayles, and other things about the Church yates and the house over the same | 8 | 7 | 10 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Total payments | £37 | 10 | 10 |
| Arrears | 47 | 15 | 1 |
| More disbursed and admitted | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Summe disb., arr., and remitted | £91 | 8 | 3 |

So remains with Nicho. Lockwood,
next collector 4 2 3

November the 26th, 1660.

Md. That the day and year above written it was agreed by us whose names are subscribed, and by several other persons then present, that Mr. James Fisher shall have and enjoy such roomes of the workhouse as were formerly in the occupation of Mr. Whittaker, under the yearly rent of three poundes, at Pentecost, and Martinmas, therefore to be paid. (137)

(Signed) John Dale.

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| Ed. Sanderson. | Ed. Barlow. |
| John Crooke. | Tho. Britland. |
| Willm. Creswicke. | Josh. Shemeld. |
| Hen. Wadsworth. | Fra. Barlow. |
| Richard Hayes. | Joseph Handley. |
| Wm. Cooke. | James Lee. (138) |

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1661. Nicholas Lockwood, collector for 1660.

[Among the receipts are:]

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| And with money recd of Thomas Rawson for a room in the Workhouse | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| And wth money recd for slate and stone of the old church gates | 0 | 1 | 8 |

Total charge, £90. 13s. 4d.

Whereof disbursed [inter alia]

| | | | |
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| Spent by the Townesmen when the King was p'clamed (139) | 8 | 13 | 4 |
| For a paire of brass scales for the Townes use | 0 | 2 | 8 |

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(137.) Was this Mr. James Fisher, the vicar, who was ejected from the living in 1662? "Mr. Ffisher" is assessed for four hearths in the tax of 1665.

(138.) In the Hearth tax of 1665, Ed. Sanderson is assessed for three hearths; William Creswick for four; William Cooke, five; Tho. Bretlands, four; Ed. Barlow, four; Francis Barlow, eleven; Joseph Shemeld, five; Joseph Handley, six. In the poll tax of 1692, John Dale and wife are charged 8s.; Mr. Crooke and wife, 8s., four children and two servants, £1. 4s.

(139.) Charles II. proclaimed in London, 8th May, 1660. Sheffield was not unaffected by the

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To John Crooke wh the collectors of the Townes rent borrowed of him | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| For mending the windowes slate and lead at the Workehouse as app by p'ticulars | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| For wood and other materials about the house at Lady bridge end | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| For a locke for the Almeshouse doore | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| For taking down the cadge | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| For setting up the old church yates and for workmanshipp, wood and other materialls about the same and the newe church yates | 4 | 11 | 10 |
| For getting stone and for wood for the Barker poole, and for walling and cleansing the same | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| To the Bellman for his paines | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To the Beadle | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| The collector's fee | 0 | 2 | 6 |

[This fee was at first 5s., but for many years from 1578 stood at 2/6.]

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1662. Ffrancis Barlow (140), collector for 1661.

[Among the charges are]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| And for wood formerly belonging to Barker poole | 0 | 8 | 0 |

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delirium of the moment if we may judge by the expenditure on this occasion, and compare it with the modest sum of 5s., laid out in 1625, when Charles I. was proclaimed.

(140.) Francis Barlow, son of Humphrey and Dorothy Barlow, a Nonconformist and partner with Wm. Simpson and Dennis Heyford, in the iron works. He died 18th March, 1690, without issue, settling a large property on his nephew, Thomas Barlow, from whom descended Cecilia Baroness Wensleydale. See *Sheffield Indep ndent*, 27th March, 1879, and Gatty's "Hunter's Hallamshire," pp. 321-2. He was assessed at eleven hearths, 1665.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For the old pavers belonging to the cage | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| And with a year's rent | 28 | 8 | 8 |

Total charge, £88. 10s. 3d.

Disbursed [inter alia]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Wm. Greene, for a mutton | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| For 12 gallons and an halfe of wyne and a Rundlett | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| To the Church Collectors for cheife rent | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To Robert Ingall for carrying the rundlett of wyne to the mannor | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| To Shores for 3 dayes drinking for 4 men, when they wrought at Islep wight bridge | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| To Mr. Mountney for councell (141) | 0 | 10 | 0 |

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1663. Robt. Housley, collector, for 1662 (142)

Rent one year £30. 17s. 0d.

Disbursed:

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|---|---|---|---|
| To the Waytes of the Towne for their stypend | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| For the charges of Wm. Cooke, James Lee, and Zachary Wilson in going to Barron Thorpe (143), and his fee about the Towne's business | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| To James Lee, for his paines fouer dayes for drawing queries and | | | |

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(141.) Probably Richard Mounteney, of Rotherham, barrister-at-law; buried there 12th Dec., 1669.

(142.) Robt. Housley, one hearth, 1665.

(143.) Francis Thorpe, a Baron of the Exchequer under the Commonwealth, who was not reappointed at the Restoration. It would seem from this entry that he returned to practice as a barrister. Was he of the family of Thorpe, of Hopton?

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|---|---|---|---|
| coppying of Barron Thorpe's opinion | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. Wadsworth and Tho. Wood towards putting forth Bocking daughter to bee an apprentice xxiiijs., being interest for Anne Shemeld money | 1 | 4 | 0 |

It was also then agreed that every collector shall continue in his office Two yeares together, and shall make his yearly accompt at or before the end of the week next following Easter week.

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1664. Robt Howsley Collector for 1663.

Charge £120 0 1

Discharge [inter alia]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Hollinbrigg for paveinge in the Markett place | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| To Hollinbrigg for removing ye Stocks 6d. and for paveing and setting them again 20d. | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| More to him for paveing ye Cawsey att Barker poole | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| To Thomas Skargell for 13 gallons of wyne wch was sent to my Lord for a p'sent 39s. and for carriage 4d. | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| To Shores for Sawdering ye Ladyes Bridge 2s. and for leading away gravell from ye M'rkett place 4s. | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| To John Barker for bringing 2 buckes to ye towne | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To Tho Skargell for charges att the venison feast (144) | 0 | 8 | 10 |

(144.) The Rev. Dr. Gatty records ("Sheffield Past and Present," p. 77) that Earl Gilbert once every year allowed a gracious holiday to the apron men, or smiths. A number of bucks were turned into a meadow near the town and the men were sent into it to kill and carry away as many as they could with their hands, and would some-

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for 3 days leadinge stones for paveinge in the Markett place and about ye Barker poole | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| To John Jeffcocke (145) | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To John Woots for 2 load of stone from Brincliffe Edge 5s. and 2 loades of Stone from Crookes more 2s. and for fetchinge a paveing stone from Barker poole to Ladys Bridge 4d. | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| To John Shore (146), for making the staires att Ladyes bridge | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| [Robert Shore and Honnifr Shore mentioned—sundry other payments about the staires which were of stone.] | | | |
| Paid John Woots for leading stone 3s. 4d., and for a stoope to sett att ye Barker poole well 8d. | 0 | 4 | 0 |

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1665 Thomas Jennings, collector for 1664.

Charge £117 9 2

discharge [inter alia.]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. to Thomas Britland, the church collector, | 0 | 10 | 0 |

to Andrew Bacon and John Lockwood (147), overseer of the poor, £6 and £1. 4s. 0d.

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times slaughter about twenty, on which they feasted, and had money given them for wine. Under the more prudent management of the Earl of Arundel the brutal holiday was abolished, but two bucks were given for the venison feast.

(145) John Jeffcocke is assessed under Ecclesall for one smithy, and three shillings among the names of cutlers and smithies and their hearths in the parish of Sheffield, for the half-year ending Michaelmas, 1670.

(146) John Shore, of Sheffield, originally of Dronfield, made his will 2 March, 1682; buried at Sheffield. See Shore pedigree, "Gatty's Hunter," p. 376. He was assessed at five hearths in the tax of 1665.

(147) Andrew Bacon, 3 hearths, and John Lockwood, four hearths, assessed in 1665.

Charges of the accomptant and others goeing to wait upon Mr. Gill, at Tho. Skargells 0 2 4
Paid to labourers to wait att ye bridge to break the yce 0 3 0
Total disbursed £11. 18. 8.

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1666 Thomas Jennings, collector for 1665.
Charge £158 15 6
discharge [inter alia]
To John Hawksley for wood and workmanshipp about the bridge broken by the flood 1 2 6
Drink for workmen 1s. 1d., iron work 1s. 6d.
Mending the Townhead well and the stepps there 13s.
,, ,, Westbar well 12s. 6d.
Rayling in Robinson well 5s. 2d.

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1667. Joseph Shemeld (148) collector for 1666.
Charge, £189. 6s. 7d. Discharge [inter alia.]
For an abstract of leases to be showed to Mr. Mountney 0 2 6
(For coppying the abstract of the leases & 2 coppies of the grant (149) 0 3 4
£20 to the use of the Poor, to the overseers of the Poor, £6

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1668. Joseph Shemeld. collector for 1667.
Charge, £188. 2s. 5d. [receipts, inter alia.]
And with money recd. of John Bayes (150) & Rich Parramour

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(148) Joseph Shemeld taxed for five hearths, 1665.
(149) Probably the charter of Lord Furnival.
(150) John, son of Richard Bayze, of Sheffield, cutler, was admitted apprentice 1656, according to the books of the Sheffield Cutlers' Company. John Bayes was assessed at two hearths, 1665.

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|---|---|---|---|
| (151) overseers of ye poore for the use of 2 children apprentices wth Willm Mason wch is yearly to be paid by the overseers of the poore to the towne collector to be kept for the use of ye said children till they come att age in lieu of certain houseing belonging to the sd children & employed by the overseers | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Disbursements [inter alia.] | | | |
| Paid for Coppeing a rentall of the Townes rents & Cheife rents | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Charges of myself & Ed. Sanderson going to Mr. Mownteney | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Pd Geo Brook for going a message to Mr. Mountney | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Paid ffrancis Barlow for 36 pottles of wyne to send to his honr (152) | 2 | 8 | 0 |

Md. att ye takeing of this accompt it was agreed by the Burgesses that if John Staniforth doe p'ceed in suit against Richard Roberts for his standing in the markett to sell his goods he the sd Richard shall be defended by the sd Burgerie att the Townes charge it beinge conceived it is a publique concern and against ye priviledges of the town by their charter (153).

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(151) Richard Parramour was returned for one smithy and 3s. in money in the subsidy of 1670. In 1671 the Cutlers' Company stood a suit with the collector of the hearth tax, because he wanted to levy it on smithy hearths. Sir John Reresby (Memoirs, p. 101) says they spent near £200 in law.

(152) The Hon. Henry Howard, afterwards 6th Duke of Norfolk.

(153) Lord Furnival's charter granted, among other things, to his free tenants, that they should be for ever free, whether buying or selling, from all dues and demands of toll throughout the whole of Hallamshire. It was apparently in defence of this immunity that the burgesses took the resolution in the text.

1669. William Savage collector for 1668. Charge, £246. 13s. 3d.

Discharge [inter alia]

| | | | |
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| Paid John Cappers widdow for a landyron in the workhouse | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Pd for mending the cubbord at the workhouse | 0 | 0 | 6 |

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1670 Collector Abiell Rollinson for 1669.

Years rent £32. 3s. 6d.

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| Disbursed in makeing a wall and a gate att Watrie lane head, near Crooksmore | 0 | 13 | 3 |
| More for wood for the same place | 0 | 2 | 2 |

[The "Sembly quest" becomes the great Leet this year] (154)

Md. the 12th of May, 1670. There will be due from Mr. Fisher by agreement with the Burgesses att Martinmas next the sum of 6li. 2s. 6d. for rent and from that time he is to pay 7li. p. ann. for yt pt. of ye workhouse then in his possession and 3 roomes lately in possession of John Capper. And it is then also ordered that what money he disbursed for necessarie repairs shall be repaid him by the collectors of the Town rents.

Then also agreed by the Burgesses then present, that if any who are tenants to the Town Burgerie shall be sued for their rents by any other persons clayming any interest in what they hold of the Burgerie, that they shall be indempnifyid by the Town Collector for the tyme beinge, p'vided they pay their rents to the sd. Collectors.

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(154) The Great Leet, in distinction to the Court Leet, held every three weeks under Furnival's Charter. Toulman Smith (Parish. p. 216) says—"Every man was formerly, and still legally is, bound to attend the Court Leet; there to help in administering justice between his neighbours. * * * A penalty was formerly, and rightly, imposed upon every man who did not attend the Court Leet of his parish."

1671. Abiell Rollinson, collector for 1670. (155)

Charge £212 5 4

discharge [inter alia.]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| For charge about ye agreemt. between Sheffield and Hallam, and about the overseers for the poore. | 0 | 12 | 8 |
| Pd. Thomas Poynton for glassinge the Almeshouse, and Michaell Wright for painting it | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Paid for repairing Barker poole bridge and fflynt well | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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1672. James Staniforth collector for 1671.

Rent, £34 4 0

Discharge [inter alia]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Mr. Chappell (156) for suit charges expended against Abiell Rollinson and Tho. Mason touching a boy slaine at Brigghouse | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Paid to Francis Barlow for Wyne to send to my Lord Howard (157) | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| Given to my Lords servants | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| To Nicholas Chow for suit charges expended against him by Jo. Bright | 12 | 16 | 10 |
| For dressing fflynt well and the church gates 22d. and for stooping and raileing the town head well 12s. 6d. | 0 | 14 | 4 |

Dec. 28th, 1672.

Att a meeting of the Townes Burgesses upon request of George Broadbent, for leave to come through the Workehouse croft with hay, when and so often as he shall have occasion, it was

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(155) Probably the same as "Abell Rowlingson," assessed for five hearths, 1665.

(156) Thomas Chappell, attorney, who was assessed for ten hearths, 1665. He died 1693.

(157) The same Henry Howard, who in 1668 was called "his honour," and afterwards became sixth Duke of Norfolk, created Earl Marshal and hereditary Earl Marshal of England 1672.

agreed by ye townsmen then p'sent that ye sd George have leave to goo and come through ye sd croft wth hay onely by guiuge [giving] satisfaction to ye tenant of ye workehouse for ye tyme beinge duringe ye pleasure of ye townesmen.

Then also agreed by the Townesmen present (viz., Mr. Wm. Sympson, Mr. Tho. Chappell, Malyn Soresby, Willm. Cooke, Tho. Britland, Edwd. Sanderson, Francis Barlow, Robt. Howsley, James Staniforth, Edwd. Barlow, that the Barker poole be inlarged as much as conveniently it can att ye discretion of ye forenamed townesmen or any 4 of them, at the Townes charges, as soon as ye season will suitt.

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1673. James Staniforth, collector, for 1672.

Charge, £336 7 9

Disbursements [inter alia].

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| Paid for paveinge the Ladies Bridge and the well at Rodgers ortchard for stoopes and rayles iron worke and other necessaries as by bill of particulars appears | 8 | 7 | 10 |
| For mending the house of office att the Almes house, repairing the rayles, mending the chymneys, wood for the same, and mending ye windowes | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Pd. for Rynging and drinck &c. when word came of my Lords being Earl Marshall | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| Paid to John Shore towards enlarging the Barker poole | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Lent Abell Yates and John Adamson towards defraying the charges of the Townes armes, summoned to Doncaster, wch. they ingaged to repay when they have collected an assessment | 5 | 0 | 0 |

13 Martii 1673. Then agreed by the Burgesses then p'sent that Elizabeth late wife of

William Rogers in the Ish [qy. Isle] of Wight in the Township of Sheffield shall hold the house wherein the sd. Wm. Rogers did dwell in the sd. Ish [Isle] of the sd. Burgesses during her life and that after her decease Richard the son of John Rogers brother to the sd. Willm. shall be admitted tenant to the same.

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1674. James Newton, collector for 1673.

Total charge, £362 17 11

One years rent £35.

Disbursements [inter alia].

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|---|---|---|---|
| Charges about ye Barker poole this yeare. the way ag't it and the Twowes [Troughs] in ye Colepitt lane | 52 | 10 | 5 |
| To Mr. Barlow for 3 doz bottles wch were sent to ye Mannor | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| To Mr. Jessop (158) Church collector for the workehouse rent | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. Cooke and Zach Wilson for their journey to Norwich | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. Hyll for coppying out the deed and articles made by my Ld Shrewsburie | 0 | 7 | 0 |

October 28th, 1674. Then agreed by ye Burgesses and free tenants of ye town That a lease wth reasonable covenants be made to Saml Barlow of that part of the house in Thomas Barlow's occupation for 31 years att 6s p ann and 60li ffyne whereof 30li was formerly paid to James Bradbury by the Towne for wch sume ye sd house was sold by Thomas Trickett to ye sd Bradbury and other 20li thereof is to be put out to interest the interest to goe to Thomas Trickett during his lyfe and att his decease ye whole 20li to goe to Thomas and Ann children of the sd Thomas Trickett and 10li remainder to the use of the towne.

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(158.) Francis Jessop, F.R.S., of Broomhall, buried at Sheffield, 3rd April, 1691. (See Gatty's Hunter's Hallamshire, p. 367.)

Also another lease to Edwd Atkin, of ye house in ye occupation of Eliz Rollinson, widd, att 5s. 6d. p. ann, and 16li ffyne, 21 years, wch 16li was allowed Tho Trickett.

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1675. James Newton, collector for 1674. Georg Broadbent and Ra. Turner, constables, pay to the town £1. 4s. 3d. Recd of Samll Barlow for a ffyne for his house att Barker poole, £10. Total charge, £270. 2s. 1d.

Disbursements [inter alia].

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spent att John Eyres when severall townes men went to speake to him about taking down ye pales before his doore, and taking them down | 8s. | 2d. | |
| [Various entries indicating legal advice.] | | | |
| For carriage of the papers to London to Mr. Sympson | 1s. | 0d. | |
| Paid Willm Spooner, wch he paid for loosing his horses arreasted by the Lds officers for leading sand to ye Barker poole | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| For a dynner for those that viewed the Townes land | 10s. | 0d. | |
| Paid John Rawson for repairing the fences in Hupper thorpe lane [or land]. | 5s. | 0d. | |
| To Shores for setting the stone under the Ladies Bridge | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| To John Shore for going to Crookes moor to stryke stone | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| To Thomas Taylor and others for getting and leading stone and sand and setting the church yates and ye Barker poole | 3 | 19 | 8 |
| To Mr. Barlow for wyne sent to my Lords sone and to ye Buttler att ye Mannor (159) | 1 | 6 | 6 |

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(159.) This entry does not show which son of Lord Howard was visiting the Manor. He had

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| Paid to Willm Turner for a distress for rent upon the goods of Creswicks and Tricketts | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| To Nich. Bower for stoops and rayles in Campo lane and att Town head well | 0 | 5 | 6 |

£13 pd John Shore for work at Barker poole.

Att a meeting 2nd September 1676 att the Parish Church of Sheffield there being these present Mr Willm Cooke Town Collect'r Mr Willm Sympson, Mr Tho Britland, Robt. Howsley Mr John Wadsworth, Mr. Joseph Butler, Peeter Sympson, Anth Hall, Charles Clayton, Godfrey Creswick and Nicholas Chow Burgesses or free tenants of the Town of Sheffield aforesaid, it was agreed, That the Rt. Honble the Lord Howard Earle Marshall of England and Lord of the Mannor of Sheffield aforesaid, shall be moved to consent to the removal of ye Common Bakehouse, and the building of another in a more convenient place, where it may be less dangerous to ye town, and that Mr. William Sympson, Mr. Thomas Britland, Mr. Fran. Barlow, Mr. John Eyr, John Webster, and James Newton, or any three of them, be disyred and authorized (in case his Lo'pp doe consent) to see the same done in such manner as shall be thought convenient to them, and the rest of the Burgesses of the said towne doe consent there unto.

Eod. die. Then agreed by the persons above named that the bond entered into by Tho. Skargell and Nicho. Chow be renewed in regard one of the p'ties are dead and that Nicho Chow doe enter bond w'th his sone for ye same for one yeare and further also That in regard that Nicholas Chow was onely securitie and the money in danger of being lost had not he secured it therefore that he pay onely 12d. att

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two sons, Henry and Thomas, by his first wife, Lady Ann Somerset, and it was probably one of these.

ye pound for the interest for ye sd yeare for ye sume.

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1676. Willm Cooke collector for two years, 1675 and 1676. Charge £368 16 5.

Disbursements.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For a chaine 2 locks a stone stoop and setting it up att Ladies Bridge and paveinge about it | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| To Woodhouse to redeem his goods amerced for the Pinfold | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Charges expended in ye difference w'th ye mil stone men about their way and in makeing an agreement w'th them (160) | 0 | 12 | 8 |
| Payd Mr. Barlow for wyne p'sented to the Lord att ye Mannor | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Charges making and setting up the new church yates as by p'ticulars appeares | 16 | 17 | 0 |
| To John Storie for chaining up the Ladies bridge | 0 | 5 | 0 |

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1678. Thomas Rawson collector for two years 1677 and 1678. Charge £355 13 11.

Disbursed.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid to 3 men for pulling down the wall sett up by Nicholas Bower att West barr (161) | 0 | 3 | 0 |

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(160) This appears to relate to some dispute with the men who quarried or carted mill stones, as to a right ot way. Heavy traffic like mill stones cuts up roads, and the townsmen may have thought their ways unfairly used by those who were not ratepayers. It was one of the duties of the Courts Leet to inquire into the state of the highways, and see that those responsible for the repair executed the work.

(161) Apparently an encroachment on the highway.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Payd Richard Hynd for mending the way that mill stones and draughts may pass to the mill sands | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Charges disbursed about ye Ladies bridge in the year 1677 as by Byll of particulars apps. | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| ffor wyne, bear, and tobacco for Sir John Rearsby and other justices and servants, and hay and corn for their horses (162) | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| To Richard Phillipps for dressing the Ladyes bridge and the streets against the ffayre | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ffor repair of the Ladyes bridge and Truelove Gutter in this year 1678 and by a byll of particulars appeares | 9 | 14 | 1 |
| ffor a new booke to enter the constable's accompts in | 0 | 6 | 0 |

(162) Sir John Reresby, Bart., of Thrybergh, had used his good offices with the court in the interest of the Sheffield cutlers, who felt the hearth tax oppressive. Reresby says in his diary, under date June 13th, 1677: "Having taken leave of the King and Duke [of York], I returned to Thrybergh. As soon as I arrived, the Corporation of Cutlers sent their master and officers to thank me for the good offices I had done them at London, with my Lord Treasurer, and would have made me a handsome present, but I refused to accept of it." July 10th the same year he says:—"I attended the sessions at Rotherham, and went soon after to meet some deputy-lieutenants to settle the militia at York." Again on August 25th he says:—"I went to dine at Sheffield at the Cutlers' Feast, being invited by the Corporation, where I was received by the Master and his assistants in the street with loud music, the shouts of the rabble, and with ringing of bells; and after being conducted into the Town hall, was entertained with a very good dinner and great plenty of wine." It was probably on this occasion that the town contributed £4. 2s. 6d.

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| To Thomas Webster for a yate, pyke, and Hoope for the Water lane | | | | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Total charge of this a/c £355. 13s. 11d., which is thus discharged:— | | | | | | |
| By disbursments | 47 | 18 | 4½ | 291 | 18 | 9½ |
| By arrears | 104 | 0 | 5 | | | |
| By money lett out | 140 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| balance | | | | £63 | 15 | 1½ |

At Towne's meeting 5 July, 1679, agreed [inter alia] that when Edmund Lethwood leaves that part of the workhouse wherein he nowe dwells Mr. John Fisher shall be admeted tenant to the same.

Att a meeting the 30th day of December, 1679, att the Church, there being then present Mr. Willm. Sympson, Mr. Willm. Cooke, Mr. Tho. Britland, Mr. John Wadsworth, Thomas Jennings, younger, Joshua Bayes (163), James Newton, Nepthah Chapman, Joseph Butler, John Sanderson, and several other burgesses and comm'altie of the towne of Sheffield. It was agreed and ordered that the constables of the sd. towne shall only pay to the chief constable such money as shall hereafter become due for the sd. town, and not pay any for the parish but ye severall constables in the parish shall pay everie one their severall proportions.

Then also ordered that all assessments to be made hereafter for the town of Sheffield, that the bookes thereof be made by the Towne Clarke, and entered in a booke provided for the same purpose. Also, that if any other writing belonging to the Town shall be made by any other than the towne's Clark without order of ye Townsmen or consent of the Towne Clarke they that cause them to be done shall pay for them att their own charg.

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(163) Joshua Bayes, cutler, his wife, one child, and one servant, were taxed £2. 16s. 0d. in the poll-tax of 1692. He was a prominent man among the Nonconformists, and Master Cutler in 1679; Town Collector 1683-84.

At meeting, 2 Jan, 1680, present, &c. . . . it was ordered that an evictment be brought by Mr Sympson against all the tenants now inhabiting any part of the workhouse belonging to ye sd Town besides what is in Mr. Fishers occupation.

May 6, 1681. Att a meeting of the Burgesses or Free tenants it was agreed and ordered that the Town Collector give notice to the overseers of ye high ways yearly att their entrance to their offices that they doe appoint certain dayes for their Commoning the High waies and give publique notice to ye Town thereof by ye belman and also doe make an assessment, and that if any Townsman neglect to send such labourers as the law requires and deni to pay their assessment that ye sd overseers doe p'sent them or otherwise that they pay their sd assessment themselves. (164).

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(164) By an act of 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555) called "The Statute for mending of Highways," the constables and churchwardens were directed to appoint days for amending the highways, and "openly in the church to give knowledge of the same days," and the surveyors were to order and direct the persons working on those days. Every occupier within the parish is declared proportionably liable to contribute labour. Every Court Leet shall inquire of all offences against the statute, and assess fines and forfeitures. This act was first passed to continue seven years. In 1563 it was continued for twenty years, and in 1586 it was made perpetual. In 1662 another Highway Act was passed, directing "that the Churchwardens and Constables or Tythingmen of every Parish, Town, Village, or Hamlet for the time being shall, upon Monday or Tuesday in the Easter week, yearly, whereof notice shall be publicly given the Sunday foregoing in the Church, with the advice and consent of the major part of the inhabitants which shall be then present, choose two or more sufficient and able persons, residing and inhabiting within their parish, &c., to be Surveyors of their highways for the year next

The same day

Then ordered that the Town Collector doe procure a scavenger to keep ye streets clean for the year ensuing and pay him for his wages not exceeding Twentie Shillings.

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1680. Thomas Jennings, collector, for two years, 1678 and 1680. Total charge £552. 1s. 0½d. Among other items, £30 received of Jonathan Whithage, being a debt due from Nicholas Chow, and interest due for the same £30. 19s. 0d.

Disbursed:

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| Paid Tho. Parkin, overseer of the poor, to defray ye charges of Bland boy, tabled att Robert ffisher's, £1. 13s. 7d., and laid out for him more to Tho. Taylor, who tables him now, £7. 12s. 4d. | 9 | 5 | 11 |
| Paid Mr. Pegg for wyne sent to the Earle of Arundell | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| To Stephen Allen, for a veale and a mutton to send to him | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| For 2 new boxes to put writings in | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Spent att a meeting at the Cutlers' Hall (165), about ye leases | 0 | 12 | 6 |

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ensuing." We may judge from the memorandum that there had been some irregularity in fixing the days for the common work or team work, and in making the assessment. The presentation of the delinquents referred to was presentation to the Quarter Sessions.

(165) This is the earliest mention in this volume of the Cutlers' Hall. The hall was built by the Cutlers' Company in 1638, and cost £150. 15s. 11d. It was erected on the site of some old houses belonging to the Burgery, opposite the south side of the Church. This continued to be the hall of the company till 1726, when it was pulled down and a new one built, the predecessor of the present Cutlers' Hall.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid the ringers for ringing when ye Duke of Norfolk was over (166) | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Pd Mr. Wadsworth for his horse hyre to Yorke for Immanuel Hobson, when he went about Tymothie Peniston | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Charges of John Styring going to Doncaster about ffitzwm's land (167) | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To James Newton, by order of the Burgesses, towards paving the Hartshead | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Paid Mr. Pegg for wyne sent to the Duke of Norfolke | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| for making a wall att ye Watrie lane and a peece of wood to lay over the water | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Pd for a horn for ye Swynheard (168) | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| To Daniell Bridges towards making a foot cawsey from Milnsands head towards Brigghouse | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Paid John Taylor towards repair of the Irish cross | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Charges laid out at Yorke by John Styring and others attending the Commrs for Charitable uses (169) | 2 | 17 | 2 |

(166) The payment to Mr. Pegg, for wine, for the Earl of Arundel, and the payment to the ringers when the Duke of Norfolk was at the Manor indicate the period at which the Earl of Arundel succeeded to the Dukedom of Norfolk. Thomas, the fifth Duke, died at Padua, 13th Dec., 1677.

(167) Fitzwilliam's land.

(168) The swineherd was a public officer who had charge of the pigs of the Townsmen when pasturing on the common land, of which there was then a great extent round Sheffield, as the names Crookes moor, Sheffield moor, Shales moor, Pitsmoor, indicate; all which have been enclosed without any reservations for the public benefit.

(169) The proceedings before the Commissioners for Charitable uses, to which many subsequent

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|---|---|---|---|
| Pd for hyre of a horse for Edw. Wainwright to Yorke | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Pd Hearth money for that pte of ye Workehouse late in Lithwoods occupacion for 4 halfe yeares | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Charges about repairing the workhouse to make it habitable | 44 | 18 | 5 |
| Paid for dressing ye Almes house after a Great raine | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Paid Mr. Pegg for severall treat of p'sons of Quallitie who came to the towne | 8 | 16 | 3 |
| for 43 warrants writing to summon the tenants before ye Comission'rs for Charitable uses & serving | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Lett out this year by the Accomptant to Mr. Tho Eyre upon bond | 50 | 0 | 0 |

1681. Lionell Revell Collector—
one year's rent £47 9 10

Disbursed

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for removing of rubbish from the Bulstake | 0 | 2 | 6 |

entries relate, resulted in "a writ of execution in pursuance of a decree on a statute of charitable uses for the Town of Sheffield in the county of York," dated 26th March, 1685. By this decree the Town property instead of being managed by the whole body of free tenants, as it had hitherto been, became vested in thirteen trustees called the Town Trustees. The first trustees were appointed by the Commissioners, and were, William Simpson, Thos. Chappell, Robert Soresby, George Lee, Thos. Barlow, William Cooke, Thomas Rawson, Thomas Bretland, Joseph Shemeld, Lyonel Revell, Zachary Wilson, Joshua Bayes, and James Newson. When any three or more of the trustees died, the survivors were directed to convey the property to new trustees appointed by the majority of the inhabitants of the town. This arrangement gave dissatisfaction to the town, and charges were made against Wm. Simpson, who was an attorney. See Gatty's Hunter, p. 312, note.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Mending the Hand bill 1s. | | | |
| To James Curtis for taking the number of Communicants | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| ffor fyre att ye Hall for severall meetings of the townsmen there | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Money lett out to twentie scissor-smiths upon bond as by the same bonds appeares | 200 | 0 | 0 |

August 15th 1682. It is to be remembered that Mr. Samuell Baies did by his will bequeath unto the Poore of the Town of Sheffield Ten Pounds to be paid by his brother Joshua his ex'or. w'ch s'd Ten pounds the s'd Joshua paid to Lionell Revell Town Collector the day and yeare above said.

24 January 1682. Then agreed by the Burgesses att a publique meeting That Mr. Thomas Pegg shall have libertie to sett up Pillars before his house near the Irish Cross Provided that the Town Collector w'th 3 or 4 freeholders of the towne w'th him doe first sett out and appoint how the same shall be placed and agree of a rent for ye ground and soe as it may be noe prejudice to ye Lords tenants.

[A note in pencil in a modern hand says:—]

Incroachment at the Angel Inn, afterwards purchased by the Town Trustees, although apparently belonging to the Town.

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| 1682. Lyonel Revell collector— Year's rent | £47 | 6 | 0 |
| Paid for a hand bell and carriage up and downe from London (170) | 0 | 14 | 10 |
| To Tho Webster for a yate for the Water lane head | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| To the Ringers for ringing when the Duke of Norff'k was att ye Hospitall | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| for a letter to ffishlake | 0 | 1 | 4 |

(170) The town crier or bellman was an official paid by the Burgery, and this was probably a new bell for his use.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Spent with Mr Negroe being with him about the viccaridge | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| To Mr Pegg for wyne for ye gent. who came to the Cutlers feast | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| for a messinger to the Church Burgesses | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| for cleansing the almshouse after a great flood | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Spent att a meeting of the Burgesses att Zach Wilson's | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Paid Jackson, the scavenger | 1 | 0 | 0 |

(Page 234.)

20 Mar., 1683.—At meeting of free tenants, &c., Joshua Bayes, Mr. Richd. Bacon, Mr. Thomas Bretland, and Mr. Thomas Marriott, and the churchwardens for the time being, or any three of them, to view the several houses and lands held of the viccar of Sheffield aforesd, and to certifie the townes men of the respective values of the same houses at the next publique meeting. The collector to pay a gratuity of £4 to the vicar due for some extraordinary work done about repairing the vicarage.

18 Sep., 1684.—It was then agreed by vote of the Town Burgesses and other the inhabitants within ye Town, being above 30 in number, That all such persons as shall be by Councell learned in ye law adjudged to be meant to be Free Tenants in the Townes pattent from ye Lord Furnevall, shall be defended from paying any tolls for their standing in the marketts att the cost and charges of the sd Towne.

Also that in case the Tenants to ye Castle, Ortchards, and Tolls, or either of them, shall refuse to pay assessments, that such course shall be taken to recover ye same as ye Law shall direct.

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1684.—Joshua Baies, collector for two years.

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Willm Woodhouse for cure of Willm Wilkinson's legg | 3 | 0 | 0 |

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| Pd for mending ye way at Crooksmoore | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To John Wynter towards entertaining The Lords and gentlemen att ye Cutlers Feast (171) | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| For water worke done about the Isle of Wight (172) | 11 | 5 | 3 |
| To Robt Nicholls and Samll Staniforth, overseers of the poore, towards relief of the necessitous poore in the storm | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| For hookes and breaking the ice above ye bridge att ye break of ye storme (173) | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| To the Viccar by order of ye Townesmen in pte of wages | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To Stephen Newton for worke done about the viccaridge house | 3 | 12 | 3 |

(171) Among the guests at John Winter's feast were the Duke of Norfolk, Lords Clifford, Coniers, Castleton, and Hexington; the Hon. Sydney Wortley Montague, Sir Henry Marwood, Sir William Wyvill, Sir Ralph Knight, and others.

(172) The Isle of Wight, otherwise the Isle, lay just above the Lady's Bridge on the Sheffield side, where the Exchange Brewery now stands. In 1697 Peter Whalley an engineer, of Nottingham, formed a scheme for pumping the water of the river from this point up to a reservoir near Barker pool, whence it would be distributed in pipes through the town. Whalley's scheme came to nothing owing to his death, but the attempt was continued afterwards without much success. The expenditure of so large a sum as £11. 5s. 3d. mentioned in the text, near the place afterwards selected by Whalley for his attempt, seems to indicate that at this earlier date of 1684 some thoughts of supplying the town with water from the river Don had been entertained by the burgesses.

(173) "1684-5, 1st January. It proved so sharp weather, and so long and cruel a frost, that the Thames was frozen across, but the frost was often dissolved, and then froze again."—Evelyn's diary, vol. II, p. 213. Bohn's edition.

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|---|---|---|---|
| To Andrew Dyson for plaister worke there | 0 | 11 | 6 |

Other payments about Vicarage 17s; also £22.

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| Charges expended on ye Coronation day of o'r Sov'raign L'd King James the Second as by pticulars appeares (174) | 32 | 14 | 10 |
| To the ringers that day | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Paid att James Lees for a treat for the Lord Castleton | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Paid for dressing ye wares att ye storehouse taken in pt of the 200 ls. debt from scissorsmiths | 0 | 6 | 0 |

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Aug. 13d, 1685.

The day and year above sd Wilm. Abbott and Edwd. Atkin, overseers of the poore, acquainted the townesmen that Willm. Taylor and his partners refuse to pay their assessments for the tolls of the market, and it was then ordered and agreed by the townsmen present (viz., Mr. Francis Barlow, Mr. Tho. Britland, Mr. Tho. Rawson, Mr. Robt. Soresbie, Lionell Revill, Zach Wilson, and James Newton) that ye s'd William Abbott and Edwd. Atkin doe p'cure a warrant ag't the farmers of ye s'd tolls and bynd them to the Sessions, and p'secute the same legally for recovering the said assess't, and that ye s'd Wm. Abbott and Edwd. Atkin be secured by the town for doing the same.

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1686. [Page 238.]

Sheffield.—The accompt of Mr Willm Sympson, collector of the Rents belonging to the Trustees appointed by a decree of charitable uses bearing date the sixth day of Septem' in the 33rd year of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second over England &c. for Lands given to charitable uses and

(174) James II. succeeded to the throne 6th February, 1685.

other publique uses w'thin the town of Sheffield in ye Countie of York for one year ending the 20th day of May 1687. (175).

One years rent £47. 14s. 8d. (1686).

[20 scissorsmiths 200li and interest for 3 years £236 0 0]

Total charge £1016 11 0.

Disbursed.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For bringing up the Church ladders from Ladies bridge | | | 6d. |
| Paid John Ellison upon his bill for ye Dynner when Mr Jessopp Mr Brown & 14 Townsmen dyned there upon their meeting to regulate assessments | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| ffor ale at a meeting of Trustees | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| To Richard Webster for 7 daies helping to dress scissors in ye store house (176) | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| for paper pack the idd & oyle | 0 | 11 | 8 |
| ffor drincking for ye workfolkes being 19 three daies a peece | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| And for making a survey of the Townes land and drawing out an accompt of all the inhabitants within the town and parish | 0 | 10 | 0 |

Total money out at interest, £780. 17s. 6d.

Thomas Marriott, John Webster, William Burley, Robt Nicholls, and Joseph Butler, were chosen trustees.

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1687. Robert Soresbie collector.

Disbursements.

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| For 2 letters sent to Lecester p' post | 0 | 0 | 4 |

(175) This is the first year in which the accounts appear in the new form in pursuance of the writ of execution consequent on the decree of charitable uses, dated 26th March, 1685.

(176) I should understand from this entry that the town had taken to a stock of scissors of the 20 scissorsmiths as security or in part payment of the £200 borrowed of the town.

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| For cutting a tree in peeces which lay against ye Ladies Bridge | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Laid down for ye Church Burgesses, w'h they they are to repay 10li to Tho. Palmer, the Bellfounder, in full discharg of his demand | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Charges about getting ye 200li assigned to the Trustees from the Duke of Newcastle, as by a bill of p'ticulars appeares | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Paid for a case of knives to give Mr. Neale for his assistance therein | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Pd for sending a letter to Lees hall for Dc'or Elmhurst | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Pd for Hearth money for the workhouse for this year | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Also for severall of ye townes tenants being poore as by a note | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Spent with the officer | 0 | 1 | 0 |

£10. 7s. spent in repairs at the Workhouse.

Reference is made to lock and nailes for Barker pool door.

Spent att a meeting att Coffee house about Stanshall land, 1s. 8d.

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| Charges of ye accomptant, Mr. Cooke, and John Styring going about it to Stansall and Doncaster, &c. | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Pd Mr. Bagaley, ye Belfounder, for comeing over about ye bells (177) | 1 | 0 | 0 |

(177) A new peal of bells was cast, in which the Town Trustees and the Cutlers' Company, and the Church Burgesses seem to have taken a share. In 1689, when Mr. Breilsforth was Master Cutler, the Cutlers' Company paid Humphrey Wilkinson, of London, £48. 15s. 0d. for a new bell, called the Cutlers' bell, and in 1690, the sum of £16. 18s. 6d. was paid for an addition of metal to the bell when it was re-cast. In 1695, the Church Burgesses paid £6. 10s. 11d. to Mr. Smith, of York, for cast-

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|---|---|---|---|
| Spent w'th him and paid his charges | 0 | 17 | 9 |
| Pd for bottles of Clarrett to drink with Mr. Arter in towne | 0 | 2 | 0 |

May 13th, 1687. Hugh Tompson appointed scavenger at 13s. 4d. per an. To cleanse the Lady bridge soe oft as is needful, also the common shore against ye Castle lathe and all the way to ye Barker poole.

Jeremiah Ward, Thomas Vnwyn, and . . . be whaits of the towne at 20s. a peece, and each man a cloake and a badge, which cloakes they are to restore to the town if they leave the town within three years, their badges whensoever.

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1688. Mr. Francis Barlow collector (178)

Disbursed

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid to Willm Woodhouse wife wch was owing for drinck, since 1684 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To the whaits for playing att the Trustees dynner | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| for 4 do. bottles of wyne sent to the Duke of Norfolke 2li. 8s. 0d. & to ye servants by order of ye townsmen 15s. 6d, | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Paid for exchang of 3 Badges for the whaits | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| ffor charges of Mr. Arter and Mr. Wood and Townsmen att Jo. Ellisons when they agreed for Stansull | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| To Robt. Hancock for makeing cloakes for the Whaits | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Charges about ye workhouse in repaireing the same and makeing | | | |

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ing the 5th, 4th, and 3rd bells. These bells continued in use till 1745, when a new peal of eight was cast, which, in its turn was replaced by the the present bells about 1803.

(178) See note 140.

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|---|---|---|---|
| it into 3 tenem'ts as by a bill of p'ticulars may appear | 18 | 11 | 7 |
| To Mr. Sitwell upon his bill for suit charges 'agt. Mr. Balguy and Mr. Revell & goeing to Todewick about ye townes business as by his sd. bill appeares | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| for 2 assess't bookes for Bells & Viccar | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| for a messenger to Darnall to give ym notice of their proporcon towards paying the Viccars wages | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Expenses att all the meetings this year about ye town's business att the coffee house, Abiell Rollinsons, &c., as by a note of p'rticulars may appear | 0 | 14 | 11 |

23 Feb., 1688.—Then agreed by the Trustees p'sent that John Webster shall have allowed him 30s. for money laid out for scoureing and rep'ing the Truelove gutter, and that hereafter there be noe more money allowed for that purpose.

Aug. 20th, 1688.—Att a meeting of the Trustees for the town of Sheffield, being present Mr. Willm. Sympson, Mr. Willm. Cooke, Mr. Thomas Britland, Mr. Francis Barlow, Mr. Robt. Sorsbie, Mr. Joshua Baies, and Mr. Willm. Burley, and Mr. Robt. Nicholls, it was ordered that the moneys alreadie collected by any p'son or p'sons whatsoever for ye use of ye Viccar of Sheffield be forthwith paid to the collect'r of the town rent for ye tyme being, and that he forthwith pay the same to the said viccar; and it is desyred that Mr. Jonathan Lee, Georg Wylde, Willm. Fenton, Joseph Nicholson, John Staniforth, Georg Bamforth, and John Webster doe collect of the inhabitants in their respective quarters of the said parish such money as they can by way of intreatie and pay the same to the town collect'r., who is to pay it to ye viccar in further discharg of his arrears, and it is lykewise further ordered that what is short of

ye full discharge of his arrears till the 5th of May last be paid by the Town collect'r for ye tyme being, and that he also pay the sum of ten pounds p' ann towards his wage soe long as he continues viccar of ye sd town.

[The above entry, beginning "Aug. 20," has been cancelled by a line drawn through it.]

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1689.—Mr. Wm. Cooke, Collector.

Disbursed.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Buckett for the Workhouse well | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Charge expended when the alarm was sent from Chesterfield yt Briningham, and other places were on fyer | 7 | 15 | 10 |
| Charges also of the soldiers on the day of thanksgiving | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| More also on the day the King and Queen were p'claimed (179) | 15 | 4 | 11½ |
| More also to Mr. Brown and his followers | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Charges also in treating ye Ld. Castleton | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| To the overseers of ye poor ye interest of the cli. given by Edwd. Earl of Shrewsbury | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| For making up a breach in ye water wall over against ye Isle of Wight | 0 | 4 | 1 |

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1690.—Mr. Thos. Marriott, Collector.

One year's rent £78 2 2.

Disbursements.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Mr. Wilson by order of ye Trustees to make up his wages (180) | 56 | 9 | 3 |

(179) The thanksgiving, and the proclamation of William and Mary here mentioned mark the time of the Revolution of 1688. On the same occasion the Cutlers' Company spent £5. 0s. 6d.

(180) Charles Wilson. Vicar, 1681-1695. It will have been noticed, from many entries since

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Tho. Johnson that he had disbursed to quiet the Rabble when the alarm was | | | | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| To John Ashmore w'ch was drunk att his house p'claimeing the King and Queen | | | | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| For ribbin for the whaits to hang their Badges in | | | | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| To Jo. Styring for collecting ye towns rents Tyth wooll and Lamb oblations and Easter dues | | | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| By disbursements | 88 | 15 | 2 | | | |
| ,, money upon Bond | 298 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| ,, arrears unrec'd | 107 | 17 | 3 | | | |
| And by money to ball'ce the accompt | 32 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| | £527 | 1 | 3 | | | |

4o Maij, 1690. [page 255.]

The names of the p'sent Trustees for the Town:

Wm Sympson, Esq.
Tho Chappell, gent.; loco Thomas Chappell arm.
Robt Soresbie, gen.
Wm Cooke, gen; loco Christopher Broomhead, gen.
Tho Barlow, gen.
Lyonell Revell, gen; loco Field Sylvester, gen.
Tho Marriott, gen.
Tho Britland, gen; Henry Smith in his place.
John Webster.
Wm Burley; in his place Rich Downes.
Josh Bayes.
Robt Nicholls; loco Joseph Downes.
Joseph Butler; loco Willm Jessop, Esq. (181)

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the year 1670, that the money of the town was being used not only for the payment of the vicar but for repairs of the vicarage.

(181) The names in the first column are those of the Town Trustees on the 4th May, 1690; the names written against seven of them are subsequent additions in different ink, and are the names of those who were chosen trustees on the

1691 [or 1690.] John Webster, Collector.

Disbursements.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for powles stones cramps and workmanshipp rayling and walling by the water syde against the Isle of Wight | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| For a Little Yate at ye Guttring Clough | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| For looking to and mending ye walls about town | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| For repaireing ye howse in ye new streete | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| To Jo. Crook for making a new yate for the church yard ag't Rich Greaves shopp | 0 | 11 | 7 |
| For a quire of paper to the church | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| To John Styring for collecting the Townes and cheife rents Tyth wooll and Lamb oblations and Easter dues this year | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Md. Ye day and year aforesaid [28 May, 1691] Robt Nicholls, Samll Hutchinson, Stephen Fox, Rich Marsh, James Nut, and Jo. Wynter, Jun., overseers of the Highways made their accompts, and was allowed.

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death of the others. The names of the whole of the trustees of 1690 appear in "an assessment made the 8th April 1692 for ye town of Sheffield in ye county York pursuant to an act of ye present parliament entitled an act for raising money by a poll payable quarterly for one year, for ye carrying on a vigorous war against France, made certified and assessed ye day and year above written by us whose names are underwritten:—Thomas Tooker, Robert Nichols, Tho. Parkin, Edward Atkin, Wm. White, and Tho. Diston." The following are their assessments, from which we gather not only the trades and professions of some of the trustees but other particulars as to their station and families. (*Vide* Archæological Society's Journal, vol. xxx., pp. 269-277.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Sympson for one fourth part of a light horse | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Tho. Chappell attorney | 4 | 4 | 0 |

Md. When there is a full meeting that Wm. Cattrell's request about Truelove Gutter (182) be considered.

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1691. Joseph Butler, Collector.

Charge, £534. 19s. 7d.

Disbursements.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To ye whaits att last reckoning | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| For 2 bottles of wyne then | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Charges about the Barker Poole feying it and leading the rubbish away | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| For mending ye lock of ye doore | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Oct. 7. Pd Ringers and ale att Bonefyres and drumer | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| To ye Ringers 5th Nov. | 0 | 5 | 0 |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ye fourth part of a light horse | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| his man | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mr. Robt. Sorsby gent. | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Mr. Wm. Cooke mercer | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| his wife, brother and son | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| 2 servants | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Mr. Thos. Barlow gent | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| his wife and son | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| the 4th part of a light horse | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| three servants | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Lionell Revell & wife | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| four children | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Mr. Tho. Marriott merchant or gentleman | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| his wife & Ann Hancock | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| two servants | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Mr. Brittland & 1 servt | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Jno. Webster & wife | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 2 children & one servt. | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Wm. Burley & son | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| one servant maid | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Joshua Bayes cutler | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| his wife 1 child 1 servt. | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Robt. Nicholls | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Joseph Butler draper | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| his wife & three children | 0 | 16 | 0 |

(182) Now Love street.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for repaireing ye Pinfold att Town head | 0 | 11 | 10 |
| Paid for feying flint well and Cowpitt lane well | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Paid for paving the water syde against the Isle of Wight | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| For a powle a hoope and pike for ye Ladies bridg att the break of ye storm (183) | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| For 3 Poll books making and figuring (184) | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Lost by brass money taken by those that gathered for the Viccar | 0 | 11 | 8 |
| Also the accomptant craves an allowance of 50s. abated Josh. Baies of the rent for damage by calling in his money in order to ye purchase of Stansall farme | 2 | 10 | 0 |

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1692. Willm Burley, collector.

Disbursed.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To ye Colliers who ffeyed the Barker poole to mend their bargain | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Pd to James Kay and others for work about the Pond well | 6 | 14 | 5 |
| for painting the Beadles staffe | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| for a cowle rake for ye Ladies Bridge | 0 | 1 | 0 |

[Townhead well cost 1/15/8½ wall'g and rep'g.]

(183) "1690, 11th January. This night there was a most extraordinary storm of wind, accompanied with snow and sharp weather; it did great harm in many places, blowing down houses, trees, &c., killing many people. It began about two in the morning, and lasted till five, being a kind of hurricane, which mariners observe have begun of late years to come northward. This winter has been hitherto extremely wet, warm, and windy." —*Evelyn's Diary*, II. 313.

(184) Books for the poll tax of 1692. (See note 181.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| for 2 coppies of ye Survey of Stump'ley (185) lands in parchment | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| To Nicho Tompson for dressing ye Rovestrie (?) | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Ordered that John Webster and Wm Cattrell have 40s equally divided betwixt them in satisfaction for their damage by the flood in the Truelove Gutter.

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1693. Joseph Downes collector.

Disbursements.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid to Mr. James Lee for charges of entertaining the Ld Archpp of York and his Companie | 18 | 6 | 8 |
| Payd for 6 doz Bottles of wyne to p'sent to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| Pd to Mr Barlow wh was borrowed of him by the Trustees | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| [Pd part of new instruments for the whaits 4li.] | | | |
| Charges att Mr. Peggs att a meetinge about ye viccar | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Paid for mending ye Ponds spout and for cramps and lead | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Charges expended w'th Capt Spencer and his soldiers and townesmen in wyne and ale upon ye King's coronation (186) | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| For Oyle for the Town's chists | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Allowed John Webster and Wm. Cuttrell towards their loss by ye True love gutter breaking up | 2 | 0 | 0 |

13 April 1695. Then ordered that 20s be allowed towards the inlarging of the Church lane well.

Sold to Mr. Bamforth the Slay and Upper Hallam ffield and wood for 38li.

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(185) Stumperlow.

(186) The coronation of William and Mary took place 11th April, 1689, so that it was rather late in getting recorded in the books of the Burgery. John Evelyn thus describes the ceremony:

1694. Joshua Bayes collector.

Discharge

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Mr. Wilson [the Vicar] for the year ending the 5th of May 1694 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Spent w'th Capt Hartopp and Xpo Peggs at the Coffeehouse | 0 | 14 | 2 |
| for knolling ye day the Queene was buryed (187) | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Given the Ringers for ringing the first day ye new bells were hung | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To the Viccar for his years wages ending 5 May instant [1695] | 10 | 0 | 0 |

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"11th April.—I saw the procession to and from the Abbey Church of Westminster, with the great feast in Westminster Hall, at the coronation of King William and Queen Mary. What was different from former occasions was some alteration in the coronation oath. Dr. Burnett, now made Bishop of Sarum, preached with great applause. The Parliament men had scaffolds and places which took up the one whole side of the Hall. When the King and Queen had dined, the ceremony of the Champion, and other services by tenure, were performed. The Parliament men were feasted in the Exchequer Chamber, and had each of them a gold medal given them, worth five and forty shillings. On one side were the effigies of the King and Queen, inclining one to the other; on the reverse was Jupiter throwing a bolt at Phaeton, the words '*ne totus absumatur*,' which was but dull, seeing they might have had out of the poet something as apposite. The sculpture was very mean. Much of the splendour of the proceeding was abated by the absence of divers who should have contributed to it, there being but five bishops, four judges (no more being yet sworn), and several noblemen and great ladies wanting; the feast, however, was magnificent. The next day the House of Commons went and kissed their new Majesties' hands in the Banqueting-house."

(187) Queen Mary died of small-pox on the 28th Dec., 1694. She was not interred till 5th March, 1695. There was universal mourning.

It is to be remembered that it was ordered by the Trustees that the Clarke have ten shillings out of ye sd sum of 35li. 13s. 9d. for writing ye accompts of Hallam & 2yre (?) his paines in going thither severall tymes and the rest being £35. 3s. 9d. was paid to Christopher Brumhead, collector for the year ensuing.

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1695-96. Christopher Brumhead collector.

Years rent £48. 5s. 6d.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Among money out upon bond, this "The Church Burgesses wch was lent them to pay of Mr. Wilson" [Vicar] | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Disbursements in the year 1695. | | | |
| To Nathan'll Meares for kitts when ye Bakehouse was on ffyer | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| for ffencing the watrie lane | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| for the Dynner for ye Trustees | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To the whaits for playing 2s., and Shephards entrance 2s. 6d. | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| To Tho Savage for work done att the viccarage | 28 | 14 | 8 |
| total disbursed 1695 £7 11 5 | | | |
| Disbursements in the yeare 1696 | | | |
| for 2 packs of halfe pennies bringing from London | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| for 2 lambs to p'sent ye Duke of Norfolk | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| for 4 doz. bottles of wyne | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| To the Dukes servants | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Paid towards making the new well att the church yates | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To the well in Cowpitt lane | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| for feying fflint well and Townhead well | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| for worke about the River syde | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| spent receiveing D'c'or Woolhouse money | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Paid Mr Brown which was borrowed of him by the Trustees and Church Burgesses to pay Viccar Wilson | 85 | 15 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for repairing the Bridge att the Truelove gutter | 0 | 8 | 6 |
| To Mr Wadsworth for Ribbin | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Lost by money and gold taken by tale and pd by weight silver 12s. vjd. 3 guineas 24s. (188) | 1 | 16 | 6 |

Total disb'd 1696 £120 18 11

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1697. Christopher Broomhead, Collector.

Discharge.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Mr. Drake (vicar) (189) | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| for the Bridge and Alms house and other necessaries as appeares by bill of partic'rs. | 58 | 10 | 7 |

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1698. Henry Smith, Collector.

Disbursed.

Paid Mr. Stead and Xfor Stacey Collect'rs of ye Land tax 9s. for the Townes stock and 1li. 5s. 6d.

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(188) The coinage was in great confusion, and very scarce. Clipping the coin was practised to an intolerable extent, so that, as Evelyn says, "there was hardly any money that was worth above half the nominal value." On the 23rd Dec., 1695, a proclamation was issued prohibiting the currency of half crowns, and Parliament was busy with schemes for reforming the currency. Under date June 11th, 1696, Evelyn says, "Want of current money to carry on the smallest concerns, even for daily provisions in the markets. Guineas lowered to 22s., and great sums daily transported to Holland, where it yields more, with other treasure sent to pay the armies, and nothing considerable coined of the new and now only current stamp, cause such a scarcity that tumults are every day feared, nobody paying or receiving money; so imprudent was the late Parliament to condemn the old though clipped and corrupted till they had provided supplies."

(189) Nathan Drake, M.A., was appointed vicar of Sheffield 1st. Oct 1695, on the resignation of Charles Wilson, M.A.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| more by reason Mr. Boughton Mr. Armitage and John Pearson gott of from the Assess't, and it being charged on ye towne | 1 | 13 | 6 |
| Paid a man for going to Derby with Judge Turton's fish (190) | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Paid ye Mast'r of ye House of Correction att Wakefield for bringing his Prisoners to ye sessions | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Paid Rich Dodworth for worke done att ye Cutlers' hall before ye sessions | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Paid C. Broomhead which he had laid out at ye last feast | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Gave a poore scholl'r at Mr. Drake's request | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Paid sev'ral messing'rs for goeing to sumons the freehold'rs to goe to Yorke on my Ld Downe's acc't | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| Pd. for clensing ye streets ag't ye Sessions | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Paid ye Clerk sall'ry for this year for helping ye Collector in gathering the Trustees Rents and Gather'g Chiefe Rent Tyth Wool and Lamb Viccars dues attending ye Boarde | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Paid for ale when ye Townes men mett att Mr. Soresbyes | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Paid for ale when the Townesmen mett att my house | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 Quarts of Wine to Mr. Banks wh. Sir John Kay was there | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| for wine and ale when Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Ramsden was here ab't Neiw Eleccon 4li. 8s. 2d. out of wh R. Downes pd on ye Corporacon acc't 1li. 14s. 0 soe rem | 2 | 14 | 4 |
| 4 Quarts of wine when my Ld. Downes Gent. came over | 0 | 6 | 0 |

(190) John Turton was a Baron of the Exchequer from 1689 to 1695, and a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench 1702.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| for wine att Sessions to treat the Justices | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 Quarts of wine to treate Cheife Constable att ye Statutes | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| Att Mr. Ellisons when Sir John Kay was there | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| More att Mr. Peggs when Mr. Bradshaw was there | 0 | 4 | 6 |

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1699. Richard Downes, Collector.

Disbursed.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Mr. Drake for the yeare ending 5th of May 1700 our gratuity | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Spent att a meeting ab't the Townes hall | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| at Mr. Bacons when the Duke of Norfolk's Peticon came downe | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Spent at sealing ye articles with Mr. Renny about building the Towns hall | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Gave Mr. Renny for drawing the Draught of ye hall | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Paid when the Archbishop was heare | 13 | 14 | 7 |
| May 8th 1700 paid Mr. Renny the first paym't towards building the Townes hall (191) | 50 | 0 | 0 |

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(191) The Town hall was built at the corner of Church yard and Church street. The Duke of Norfolk contributed £100, on condition of holding his Manorial Courts there. Nield, in his remarks on the prisons of Yorkshire, 1802, says, "The lobbies under the Town hall are three dark cells, which open into a narrow passage, the largest, 8 ft. high by 6 ft square." This Town hall was pulled down soon after the present Town hall, erected at the corner of Waingate, was opened 19th April 1810. The entries quoted above show the cost of building and many other little details of interest.

1700. Richard Downes, Collector.

Total charge 493 18 8

Disbursed.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To ye workmen at laying ye foundacon of ye hall | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| to Mr. Renny for digging ye foundacon further then bargaine | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| to Mr. Renny ye second pay't | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| att Yorke serching for old John Crook will | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| To Mr. Renny ye third paym't | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| to ye workmen att ye hall | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| att ye Rearing of ye Hall workmen | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| to Mr Renny ye 4th Paym't | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| opening ye Sow at Church lane end | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| pd for clensing and taking away Rubbish in the Channell before ye Hall | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| att Mrs Peggs with Mr Banks Mr Staniforth Mr Bacon and Mr Diston when he was goeing to London to move about 100li | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| pd for a book of Gold to Gild the Ball upon the Hall | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| to John Broadhead for 3 stone stoops for the Gates to ye Church lane | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| to John Crooks for wood and worke at ye stoops and rails before ye Hall | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| to John Taylor and Partners for paveing 213 yards before ye Hall | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| and for paveing 30 yards with broad pavers 3½d p yarde | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| And for setting downe ye well in ye Church lane | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Tho Webster 29 yds of Pavers at 7d. a yarde | 0 | 16 | 11 |
| Candles at ye Sessions | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Matthew Oates, cutting ye 3 stone stoops for ye Gates | 0 | 12 | 0 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Crookes for 2 Stoopes at Church gates, 2 yards apiece, 4d. p. yarde, one Raile 9d., 6 yards and 2 foote of Railes 3d., workmanshipp 1s. 10d. | 0 | 5 | 7 |
| to John Crooke for 20 yards of nating (?), and for 3 deeles 13 fo. apeece | 0 | 16 | 2 |
| John Adamson, 9 yards of greene Bayes, 16 yards and 22 yards of Cadiss, 1 yarde of threedd 2d. | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| to Mr. Taylor for makeing ye Carpitt | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Geo. Younge and his man for workmanshipp and nailes in natting ye hall | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| to Tho. Heaton for Chaines to ye Hall Candlestick | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| for a Corde for ye Candlestick | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wm. Turner for removing rubbish att back of ye Hall | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| from Mr. Renny, 42 Tyle laths, 10s., and 3 deels 4s. 2d., towards making ye Pallesades for ye Hall windows | 0 | 14 | 2 |
| from Tho. Cooper, 1000 of 3d. spriggs and 2lb. of 3½d. nailes | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| to John Crooke, makeing ye 6 Palisades for ye Hall window | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ricd. Dodworth, 24 Iron Squares for Palisades | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mathew Oates for primeing them | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| to Mr. Blackstock for a Range for ye Hall | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| A load of coales to ye Hall 4d. Ranges setting 2d. | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| to Mr. Drake (vicar) | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| to Mr. Jolley his years sall'ry | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| to Mr. Renny att severall times ut p'r p'ticulars | 59 | 14 | 6 |
| To Henry Hoyle for 4 stone pillars att ye Church gates bringing to ye Church gates and makeing ready to sett up 12s each | 2 | 8 | 0 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| to Tho Heaton for 4st 4lb of Leade at 18d. per stone used ab't Pillars at Church yates | 0 | 6 | 5 |
| to Mrs. Pegg for wine had to Mr. Banks att ye Sessions night | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| pd Tho Savidge and his men and John Broadhead for removeing and fixing of ye stoopes att Church yates | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Wm Gray and John Bright workemen in makeing new gates | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| pd for Bredd and Cheese and drink for ye workmen abt fixing ye stoopes | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| for a quire of pap' | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| to Adam Parker one day setting up stoopes and railes at Church yates | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| To Tho Allen for getting away rubbish ab't ye Hall | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| for the Dinner for ye Trustees | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| pd Ricd Dodworth ut p' bill for iron worke abt ye Gates and Stone Pillars | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Disbursements | 273 | 15 | 5 |
| Arrears | 73 | 16 | 8 |
| Money lett oute | 134 | 9 | 0 |
| | 482 | 1 | 1 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| charge of ye account | 493 | 18 | 8 |
| discharge | 482 | 1 | 1 |
| rem's in ye acc't's hands | 011 | 17 | 7 |

which was paid to Mr Tho Parkin (192) the succeeding collect'r soe ye acc't stands cleane

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1701 Thomas Parkin Collector.

Rd of ffrancis Hinchliff and Mark ffurnis 16li being in p'te of the

(192) The name of Mr. Parkin is written over an erasure of the name of Mr. Field Sylvester.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100li the Duke of Norfolk p'missed towards the building ye Townes hall | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Recd of Tho Heaton for Brass links belonging to the Townes hall Candlestick | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Recd of Mr Jonathan Lee towardes the Church Burgesses debt | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| for old Stopps at ye Bridge | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Recd of Hallam tenants £22. 11s. 0d. Re'd of Michaell Steven 7s. | 22 | 18 | 0 |

Sume of the Charge £317. 19s. 3d.

The discharge [inter alia].

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid at ye last feast for two bottles of wine | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Paid for a Lock for Ladys Bridge chaine | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| For taking a tree out of ye river | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Pd ye musishoners (193) their years waiges | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Pd servants attending at the sessions | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Pd George Hibbard for candles | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Pd Richd Downes wh he paid Mr Renny to make up ye last paymt for building ye Hall | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Pd Mr Drake ye Townes gift | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Pd Jo Wildsmith for candlesticks | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pd Tho Heaton for a new chaine to ye candlestick | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| for pikeing a lock att ye Hall | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| for tonges and shovell for ye Hall | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| pd for secureing Phillipps | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| pd for ribbings att ye Proclamacon day for ye Waites | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| to ye Ringers att ye proclameing Queene Anne (194) | 0 | 10 | 0 |

(193) In the earlier entries called the "waits."

(194) Queen Anne succeeded to the throne 8th March, 1702.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| to Hurst and Dakin for attending and delivering out ye ale | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| for 127 gallons of ale att ye Proclamacon [1s. per gall.] | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| to ye Drumers then | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| to ye Waites at ye Proclam'ac'on | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| to Jo Crookes for putting the sashes up at ye Hall | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| for 3 pound of Candles | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| to ye Trumpitter att ye Proclam' | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| for ye Trustees' dinner | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| to ye Clarke his year's sallry | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Parcht and ingrosseing the towne's adresse to Queene Anne | 0 | 5 | 0 |

which sd sume of 3li. 9s. 6d. was paid at the hall to Mr. Tho. Diston, who is appointed collector for ye yeare ensueing, and soe the accountant is discharged.

1st of February, 1702.

Whereas Mr. Thomas Diston, ye Cappitall Burgess, is lately dead, and this day it is agreede yt Mr. Joshua Bayes shall serve out ye remaind' of his yeare; delivered him at ye same time a key, with the Purse, the Bonds, and accounts.

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1702. Mr. Tho. Diston (decd.) and also Mr. Johua Bayes who upon the decease of the sd Mr. Diston was elected collector of the sd rents.

Disbursements.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A lock and three keys for the Church Gates | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ringers at Prince Evgen's victory (195) | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ringers at ye thanksgiving day | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| to Mr. Drake, ye Burgesses free gift | 10 | 0 | 0 |

(195) Prince Eugene of Savoy, afterwards famous at Blenheim, was distinguishing himself in campaigns in Italy 1701-2.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| pd Charles Viccrs for bringing ye Act of Parliament from Mr. Gills | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| pd John Bright for a Raile putting in att Lady's Bridge | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| for takeing ye sashes downe | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| for a baskett and broome | 0 | 0 | 3 |

12th of July, 1703.

Burgesses then elected.

Mr. Robert Soresbie, John Adamson, Saml. Scargell } In ye roome of Mr. Simpson, Mr. Diston, and John Webster, decd.

29th October, 1703.

Mr. Elias Wordsworth elected a townes Burgess (196) in ye Roome of Mr. Joshua Bayes, lately Deceased. 3rd of November, 1703. Mem. yt a true copy of the Townes Burgesses Grant to Tho: Duke of Norfolke (for him his heyrs & succrs keeping of ye Courts belonging to ye Mannor of Sheffield in ye Townes Hall) is w'th Henry, Duke of Norfolkes note to ye Burgesses for 100li. put in ye little wood box in ye townes chest. 3rd Nov., 1703. Mem'd. George Dowler, Tho. Stubbins, and Wm. Wilburne, are allowed by the Townes Burgesses to be the musitioners of this towne soe long as they doe their office as they ought to doe, and wee the said Geo. Dowler, Tho. Stubbing and Wm. Milburne doe acknowledge yt ye cloakes musicall instruments and silver Badges doe belong to the townes Burgesses and yt if it happen yt wee or any of us doe leave ye business we hereby p'mise to deliver to ye towne collect'r ye cloakes instruments and Badges and

(196) Elias Wordsworth, mercer, died 20th July, 1723, aged 59. He was one of those who seceded from Upper Chapel in 1714. The family was of long standing at Waterhall, Penistone, in the rank of yeomen or minor gentry. Mr. Hunter believed the poet to be of this family. See various references to the family in the Local Notes and Queries columns of the *Sheffield Independent*, January to April, 1875.

if wee or any of us dye in ye sd employ't wee hereby promise yt our exors or admrs shall peaceably deliv'r to ye towne coll'r ye sd cloakes instruments and Badges.

Mr. Joseph Banks elected a townes Burgess in the room of Tho. Chappell, Esq., lately deceased. (197.)

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1703.—Joseph Downes, collector.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rec'd of Mr. Banks by the ord'r of My Lady Howard (198) towards the 100li the late Duke of Norfolke p'missed towards building of the townes hall the sume of | 64 | 0 | 0 |
| Discharge [inter alia]. | | | |
| To Mrs. Pegg for wine for Justice Ramsden | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| For 7 gallons of clarrett 3 Gall of white wine and 6 Quartes of | | | |

(197) Joseph Banks, attorney, was son of a gentleman who had been an officer under Sir John Reresby, in the garrison at Bridlington. Served articles with Mr. Thos. Chappell, attorney, whom he succeeded on the Town Trust. Married Mary, dau. of Rowland Hancock, of Shirecliffe Hall, 5th Aug., 1689, and had with her a fortune of £400. Acted as agent for the Dukes of Norfolk, Leeds, and Newcastle. Left Sheffield when scarcely passed middle life, and settled at Scofton, near Worksop. Sat in Parliament for Grimsby and Totness. Died 27th Sept., 1727, aged 62. While living at Shirecliffe he cut the gap, which is still called Coach Gate, between the Old Park and Cook Woods, to let his carriage pass by an easier road to Sheffield, than down the Bridgehouse Hill. He was great grandfather of Sir Joseph Banks, K.C.B., president of the Royal Society, who died 19th June, 1820.

(198) Lady Elizabeth Mary, widow of Thomas Howard, Esq., of Worksop, and mother of Thomas, eighth Duke of Norfolk, a minor, who succeeded his uncle Henry, seventh Duke of Norfolk, April, 1701.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sherry to treate ye Lady Howard (199) | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Paid at ye Coffee house with the Doncaster man ab't ye River Dunn | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| to Jo. Hall and Richd. Dodworth for making the place ye Chest is in and the Peggs ye Bucketts hang on | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| pd Mrs. Pegg when my Ld Hartington was there | 1 | 13 | 4 |
| pd at Mrs. Pegg's when James Lees stoopes was ordered to be removed | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| pd Mr. Drake ye Burgesses gratuity | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| pd him more towards buying ye small tythes | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| pd for ye Engin mending to Wm. Frost and John Hall & for 6lb of pitch | 0 | 11 | 8 |
| Expences at Mrs. Peggs with Mr. Jessop | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| for six pound of candles at the Hall at ye Queenes Birth day and six pound more ye 5th of November | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| pd Mr. Wordsworth for Ribbin for the new mewsisioner | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| pd Antho Firth for ye use of ye Poore at Christmas | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| pd Mr. Sylvester for 3 doz of Bucketts | 6 | 1 | 8 |
| pd him for opening the Sow at ye Hall wells | 0 | 15 | 8 |
| Carriage of ye ffarthings from the Collecrs of ye Poores house to my house | 0 | 0 | 3 |

(199) The words Lady Howard are written over an erasure of the words "Lord Hartington," whose name occurs a few lines further down. He was William Cavendish, afterwards second Duke of Devonshire, who married Rachael, daughter of Lord William Russell, and died 3rd June, 1729.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd Mr. Banks for business done about ye Hall, and other business about getting the 100li towards building the Hall from ye Duke | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| he [the Clerk] pd Mr. Roebuck for 2 Indictmt's agt Fox and Shemeld | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Pd Jo. Bright for taking downe the frames before ye Hall windows | 0 | 0 | 8 |

15th July, 1704.

Mem'd. It is now agreed by us, whose names are subscribed, that the Townes hall shall be put to no other uses for the future Then the Townes Burgesses meetings, and other meetings of the Townes officers, and keeping of the Courts of the Lord of the mannor.

| | |
|---|---|
| Joseph Downes | Rich. Downes |
| Thomas Parkin | Robt. Sorsbie |
| Feild Sylvester | Henry Smith |
| Chris. Broomhead | John Adamson |
| Elias Wordsworth | |

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1704.—Joseph Banks collector.

Charges.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| of Mr Ravenhill charges of mending the Hall stepps | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Recd of a man yt had the shop under the Hall 2 days | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| of Natt Mears 15s for halfe a years rent for a shop und'r the Hall he ent'red at Lady day and then pd his rent | 0 | 15 | 0 |

Total charge £282 3 8

Discharge [inter alia].

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| expended on Justice Webster abt sending Webster to Yorke Gaol | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| expended abt Fox & Shemelds tryall abt ye incroachm't at ye Hall | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| gave lawyer Witton 1li & Mr Waterhouse 5s | 1 | 5 | 0 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charges at Rotherham Sessions 3 of vs of Wednesday | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 20th July Expences six of vs of Thursday Dinners 6s and other expences of Horses & ale 3s 10d | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| Drawing Briffs for Lawyer Witton & Mr Waterhouse (200) | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| for Mr Jolley's attendance 2 dayes at ye Sessions | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| pd ye Ringers when ye news came yt ye Duke of Marleburrow had quite defeated the Frence & Baverian Armies in Germany & taken Count Tallard ye Frence Generall prisoner (201) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Candles yt were set up in ye Hall yt night | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| for getting clay to set ye candles in 6d., and mending the candle stick 6d | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sep. 7th Expended on ye thanks-giving day for getting clay 3d., looking to the candles 2nd | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| for a dozen of candles lighted in ye Hall yt night | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Tobaccow Pipes had to ye hall ye night the Lady Howard was there (202) | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| [Mr Fell mentioned as Church collector.] | | | |
| coles for the hall | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Dec. 24th Paid to ye Poore | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| paid for mending ye Hall floore, a Prisoner breaking it | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| pd Wm. Frost a years wages for keeping the engine in order | 0 | 10 | 0 |

(200) Mr. Henry Waterhouse was an attorney, who died 21st June, 1719, aged 60. See Gatty's ed., Hunter's, Hallamshire, p. 251.

(201) This entry commemorates the battle of Blenheim, fought August 13th, 1704.

(202) Are we to understand that Lady Howard smoked, or gave permission to the burgesses to smoke in her presence?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| pd Mrs. Pegg for wine had to ye Hall to treate my Lady Howard with | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| for a Pike in ye Hall to gett ye Bucketts downe | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| pd for pap' to Ingross the Doncaster piticon 2d., pd ye Cryer 2d. ingrossing ye piticon 1s. 6d., Expended in getting hands to it 9d. | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 20th of May pd ye Ringers when my Lord Hartington was in Town | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| pd Mrs. Pegg for wine to treat him with | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Candles at ye hall 1d., a Broome ½d. | 0 | 0 | 1½ |

Total exp. £43 17 7

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[1705 & 1706.]—The account of Mr. Elias Wordsworth, the collector of the rents of the Towne of Sheffield, his receipts for Pentecost 1705 & for Martinmas 1705, being onely one years receipts. But his disbursements for two years (to wit) For ye years 1705 & 1706. This accompt made att ye townes hall, in Sheffield, ye 13th day of May, 1707, and agreed to by a majority of . . . freeholders of ye said towne, there being then present ninety freeholders.

The charge [inter alia]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| And ye accomptant is charged with ye sume of £3 17 2, which ye arbitrat'r disallowed of in ye Burgesses accounts, ye same being disburst for & on ye acct of a xcecucon against Mr John Fox for an incroachm't | 3 | 17 | 2 |

Total charge £325 19 9

Discharge from 30 May 1705, to 13 May 1707

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| for three dozen of wine to treat the Duke of Norfolk | 3 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ring'rs on ye Thanksgiving day | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| To ye Ring'rs for Duke Marleburrou's defeate of ye French army (203) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 14 pound of Candles on Thanksgiving day | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| to ye Ringers on the surrend'r of Ostend (204) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| more to them when ye seige was Raized before Barcelona (205) | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| gave them more on Prince Eugene's successe (206) | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| to ye Ringrs when Minin (?) was taken | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| to Mrs. Pegg for two dozen of wine to treate ye Duke of Norfolke | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| to moneys expended at Sheffield when ye arbitrat'rs met about ye account | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| moneys expended at Rotherham on ye arbitracon day | 2 | 16 | 10 |
| to ye towne's clarke his sellry for ye year 1705 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| allowed by mistake in ye arrears of ye waterworks in ye last acct | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| repairs about ye Towne's hall and Barker poole | 4 | 16 | 6½ |
| [Wells and Bridge cost £13. 13s. 9½d.] | | | |
| Ingrossing the duke's agreem't with ye towne about his consent for ye hall to pass by act of Parliament to ye Towne | 0 | 2 | 6 |

Pd to Mr. Drake two years gratuity from ye town (viz.) Twenty pounds, the same being

(203) This probably refers to the victory of Ramilies, gained by Marlborough 23rd May, 1706, defeating the French under Marshal Villeroy.

(204) Ostend surrendered to the allies 16th July, 1706.

(205) Barcelona, in Spain, relieved by the English under Sir John Leake, 11th May, 1706.

(206) Prince Eugene defeated the French before Turin, 7th September, 1706.

voted and carryed by a majority of freeholders, £20. 0s. 0d.

19th of May, 1707.—I, John Fox, Collector of ye Rents of ye Towne of Sheffield for this year 1707, have now received of Mr. Elias Wordsworth, the late Collector, the sum of thirty-six pounds four shillings and five pence halfe penny, menconed on ye other side to be in his hands, which sume ballances his account. And also recd of him Mr. Soresbie's bond for one hundred fifty seven pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, and Saml. Carr's note for £1. 1s. 6d., with wh sd Bond and note are also menconed in ye said Mr. Wordsworth's account.

I say recd.

J. F. (207)

Witnes

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A rentall for the towne of Sheffield burgery due att Pentecost and St. Martin this yeare 1605 as foloweth

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nicholas Pearson by yeare | xx s | |
| Thoms Birley by yeare | iij s | iiij d |
| Widow Lee of Hodgsonn by yeare | iij s | |
| Robte Heynes by yeare | v s | |
| John Greenewood by yeare | vj s | |
| Willm Robtes by yeare | v s | |
| Willm Bright for certeine houses and a gardeine att Townehead by yeare | vj s | viij d |
| Margrett Metton [or Mettam] by yeare | iij s | iiij d |
| Thoms Mower by yeare | iij s | iiij d |
| Widow Eyre for her selfe and Ellin Eyer | | xxij d |
| George Lodge by yeare | iij s | ij d |

(207) This entry is the latest in date in this book of accounts, and, in fact, concludes the consecutive entries, but there are some other memoranda of an earlier date, written on the pages from 364 forwards, with which we shall conclude these extracts.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James Truelove for his house and Widow Newsam house and gardeine by yere | xvj s | |
| Henry Lee for his house Tho. Sponer house his smithy and gardeine by yre | xvj s | viij d |
| Thos Collin for Nicholas Oxspring house and Widow Atkinson house by yeare | xij s | |
| Robte Ronkesley by yeare | xij s | |
| Thomas White by yeare | ix s | |
| Willm Roger for his house, orchard and gardine by y | xiiij s | |
| James Fenton by yeare | v s | |
| Widow Harwood ,, ,, | iiij s | iiij d |
| ,, Atkinson ,, ,, | iij s | iiij d |
| Lawrence Brewell for his house and John Staniforth by yeare | xvj s | |
| Mathy Blythe ,, ,, | xij s | |
| John Barlowe his house ,, ,, | xij s | |
| Christofer Birley ,, ,, | xj s | |
| Willm Masley for his Stable and Tho Bradley and Widow Ffletcher their houses by yeare | xiij s | iiij d |
| John Gaylier for Richard Webster house Robte Clarke house and Mr. Sampson, Tauerne | v s | |
| Edward Wildsmith for his house by yeare in the occupacion of Rose Woodhouse | | xij d |
| Widow Hancock and Richard Hancock for theire severall houses by yeare | ij s | |
| Sume is | xj li vj s | viij d |

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July the firste anno dom 1596. [Page 374.]

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|---|---|---|
| Md. that Robt. Rollinson receyued of the Church towardes the building of Sheath bridge | xls | |
| Md. that he recd more of the colleccion that were gathered in the town | vj li | xiij d |
| Summa | viij li | xiij d |

Md. that he made his reckoninge for the same money wch he rec'd of the Church and towne upon the first day of July anno dm 1596 of . . . vij li xiiij s ix d wch he had paid out about building of the same bridge and other thinges, and withall did pay in money the some of vj s iiij d that were remaining of the sd some of viij li xiij d . . . . . vj s iiij d.

witnesses of the same be

| | |
|---|---|
| Wyllm Dyckinson | John Harryson |
| James Gowldworth | Arthure Clayton |
| Rychard Allyn | Robt. Staniforth |
| Wm Creswicke | Henry Trippett |
| Roger Lee | Nicho Pearson |
| Robt. Spooner | John Sheldon· |

Thoms Robynson
John Pearson Barker poole
France Barley
Wm. Newboult.

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Md. that Robte. Staniforth and Lawrence Holland constables made their true accompte to thinhabitants of Sheffeld the Tenth daie of aprill 1607.

And dyd then delyver to Homfrey Staniforth constable this yere 1607 all such armore as they had belonginge to the same towne as apeareth by a note in the last end of this booke.

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(208.) The 8th of May 1611.

Md. that the daie and year above written Tho Skargell and Tho Syddall constables made their accompts to the inhabitants of the Towne of Sheffeld and did deliver into the hands of the said Tho Skargell appointed collector for the Towne rents the next year xxiijs. wch remeined in their handes undisbursed.

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(208) Constables were bound within fourteen days after going out of office to deliver an account to be laid before a parish meeting.

The xiijth of June 1612.

Md. that the daie and year above written, Hugh Roberts and Edward Hyll constables made their accomptes to the inhabitants of the Towne of Sheffield and did del'v'r into the hands of Tho Skargell the ould collector iiijs ixd wch remained in their hands undisbursed to bee by him dd to Roger Lêe appointed collector of the Towne rents for the next year.

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[The following entries are on the last page of the book.]

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. . 1567 iiijli xv s

And there is more put into the bagge in the com'n chyste as doyth apperyth in the boke of Thomas Braye and Robte Bower accompts the iiijth of Julye, 1568 liiij s ix d

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The xxvjth of Maye 1602.

Md. that Rowland Lord and Henry Steven constables hath delyvered into the hands of Richard Webster and John Bransone the next constables suceding them in Sheffield Towne the townshipp harnes as followeth q. vid.

ffyrst two black and one white corslett with iij head peces, and ij other head peces.

Towe callyvers
a flape w'th a touch boxe
one other flape without touch boxe
ij swords
one dagger
foure pykes
and tenn gyrdles

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The xijth. of September anno. dni., 1605.

Remember, that Rowland Lord and Nicholas Pearson constables made their accompts the daye and year above said and at the same

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Reckoning or accompte the said Roland and Nicholas had and yet have the some of xxxiiijs vd in their hands and also they must gather in and make accompts of xs vjd of those p'sons wch have not payd their cesement besyde the said xxxiiijs vd.

The xxiijth of Maye ano dni 1606.

Md. that Robte Alsoppe and Rolland Lord made there accompts the daye and yere above sd, and the said ij men being constables paid at this accompt xxixs vjd wch xxixs vj was paid to Willm Mosley of an old reckeng for a corslett.

1606.

Delevered the xxiiij of May, Into the handes of Robart Staniforth Constable of Sheffeld as ffoloweth

ffirst nyne head peces
three muskites w'th st'rnes and mould'rs (?)
three calivers
eyght sowdes
eayght dagars
fowre corslites
fyve flapes
fyve touch boxes
three restes for muskits
fower pickes
eayght girdeles. (209.)

(209) The parish armour has been referred to in previous notes. The constables had official charge of the armour, and these memoranda were the receipts they took on handing the pieces on to their successors.

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